

# Charlie Marks

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“Charlie Marks exemplifies an artist carrying the past forward and demonstrates how the narrative contained within is still relevant today.” ~ Mason Winfree, [AmericanaHighways.org](http://AmericanaHighways.org)

My name is Charlie Marks - I am a nationally touring old-time banjo player and folk musician based here out of the Reno area.

I bring high-energy and new life to old-time banjo tunes, playing a predominantly clawhammer style. I take a great deal of inspiration from old-timers like Roscoe Holcomb, Libba Cotten, and Ola Belle Reed. I also am a Piedmont-style guitar picker playing both original and traditional old-time and blues. While I think my old-time banjo playing may be more in alignment with the scope of the festival, I wanted to say that I am able to also fall firmly under the "folk" category - my original tunes are heartfelt songs that would be quite at home in a 1960s Greenwich village coffeehouse.

As noted, I am a touring musician. This past year I travelled coast-to-coast, from California to South Carolina, playing banjo across Appalachia, the Mountain West, and the South West.

My Spotify Page features three recorded albums, showcasing my mixture of old-time and folk playing. I have a 4th album I am currently pitching to labels that I think is my best work thus far. My Instagram (16k+ Followers) is a place where I share banjo, guitar, and fiddle tunes.

As noted, I am a solo performer but could potentially bring in a fiddle player to join me if the timing worked out well for them.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I think I would be an excellent fit and that your audience would enjoy the energy and skill I bring on the banjo.

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