

Mike Handley, Troubadour

Mike was born and raised in Tampa, is a fourth generation Floridian, and still lives in Tampa.

Mike grew up in a home filled with music; of course, that music was Spike Jones, Ray Stevens, Alan Sherman, Smother's Brothers, Hee Haw, and Roger Miller. Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, The Dorseys, Bing Crosby, Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich were often heard as well since dad was a swing band drummer.

He started playing guitar and clarinet at age 12. Fifteen years later was the first time on stage except for that 5 year stint in the SPEBSQSA (barbershop chorus). He recently added Ukelele to the show but is still trying to figure a way to play clarinet and sing at the same time

In recent years have played Florida Folk Festival, Sarasota Folk Festival South Florida Folk Festival, Barberville and Will Mclean festival, Jollimon's Grill, Front Porch in Tampa and many many open mics.

After working on building the repertoire 30 years or so, there is now a nice mix of old and new folk and Americana covers. A typical set will include songs from John Prine, Steve Goodman, Paul Thorn, Hays Carll and Shel Silverstein plus some original songs.

I love to make people laugh, and almost everyone does when they hear me play!

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