

# BARRIE DEMPSEY

## BIOGRAPHY

Award winning singer/songwriter Barrie Dempsey plays more than just electric and acoustic guitar. His musical talents also include flute, harmonica, piano, lead and harmony vocals.

Barrie grew up in New Jersey. After high school he enrolled in School of Visual Arts, New York City to study fine art. Actively pursuing music through high school and art school, he was lead singer, harmonica and flute player in many rock and blues style bands.

Big songwriting influences were John Prine, J.J. Cale, Jackson Browne and James Taylor among others. Barrie learned to play blues harmonica listening and playing along with John Lee Hooker and John Mayall records for hours on end.

Barrie Dempsey eventually moved to California and was a member of the Amber Band. Working with songwriter Eddie Cunningham, they did covers and originals and recorded a documentary of the band with all original works for San Diego State University-PBS that won an award in 1980. Amber Band was the house band at the Bull and Bear in El Cajon, Ca. for more than a year with a strong following.

In 2005 Barrie started writing his own songs. Currently Barrie has put together a collection of originals on his EP's titled "Barrie Dempsey" and "Line In The Sand", which has been awarded *Best Album Folk/Singer-Songwriter* at The Akademia. Produced by Track Star Studios in La Mesa, CA. In 2017 he won the *Bose Sound Professional & Music Connection Magazine, Best of Las Vegas: Solo Artist*". He is currently working on his next CD.

