

Mark Ripp – Bio

“Ripp is a genuinely great songwriter” – Americana UK

I'm a singer songwriter in the Americana genre. My start was in the coffee houses of Toronto some forty years ago. Those folk beginnings were followed by a ten year run as front man and writer for Canadian roots rockers **The Bel-Vistas**. The last couple of decades have been spent raising a family and pursuing music as a solo artist. I work away in my home studio now and am sometimes involved in recording and producing for others.

My brand new album is out now on **bandcamp** and is titled "**All Things Considered Vol 1**"

Influences are many but the ones who set the bar high for me then and now include:

Tom Petty, Bob Dylan, John Hiatt, Neil Young and Nick Lowe

If you're a fan of thoughtful, melodic, roots based song writing I encourage you to have a listen. I perform solo and with several bands doing my original songs and a variety of covers. My latest musical project is **The Joyful Hope**. We do instrumental rock, surf and twang with a hint of blues

Some Highlights:

- songs published by Sony Music
- recording artist with Eureka Records
- album release in Europe with Blue Rose Records
- radio play across Canada, the U.S., and Europe
- video play on MuchMusic, CMT Canada and Europe
- extensive live experience, including cross Canada touring
- opening act for The Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo and Tom Cochrane
- critically well received in Europe and North America

Discography:

- "The Bel-Vistas" - self titled EP - released 1990 – independent
- "Somewhere Along The Line" - The Bel-Vistas - released 1992 - Eureka/Capitol Records
- "Pretty Ugly" - The Bel-Vistas - released 1994 - Blue Rose Records - independent
- "Wherever I Go" - Mark Ripp - released 1997 – independent
- "Minor Miracle" - Mark Ripp & The Confessors - released 2002 – independent
- "Long Story Short" - Mark Ripp & The Confessors - released 2010 - independent
- "Quiet Again" - Mark Ripp - released 2013- independent
- "Under The Circumstances" – released 2017 – Independent / Banbury Park Records
- "All Things Considered Vol 1" - released 2022 - Independent

