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Eric Sommer

SINGER / SONGWRITER
TELECASTER + SLIDE

Pittsboro, North Carolina

THE ARTIST

Eric Sommer is a singer-songwriter and a smokin' hot acoustic and slide player in the tradition of Davy Graham, John Renbourn and Steve Howe.

A Telecaster and slide player, he hits an acoustic guitar with a rock player's attack and is ferocious on slide: open tunings, down-tuned grooves and an explosive live show. Every song he plays is an original.

He came up in Boston's '80s scene, logging 40 appearances on the stage of the Paradise, and his trio The Atomics opened for the Dead Kennedys and Gang of Four. In London he played the Antelope, the Green Door, the Maverick and Taylor's, and toured with Nick Lowe and Dave Edmunds; back in the States he toured with Little Feat and John Mayall. He has played all around New York City, up and down the Jersey Shore from Atlantic Highlands to Cape May, and across the world, from Denmark to Tokyo.

Along the way he has shared stages with Old 97's, Dr. John, Leon Redbone, Jerry Douglas, Sara Watkins and Built to Spill, and won the Piedmont Blues Challenge in 2017. His records include Brooklyn Bolero (2016) and Rainy Day Karma (2012, with Solar Flares).

Since 2024 he has written for LA Music Connection, the #1 music magazine in LA and Southern California, and his essays live at ericsommer.com/the-twilight-narratives. He is the creator of the Carrboro Songwriters Festival, which ran October 16–18, 2026 and returns in October 2027. Based in Pittsboro, North Carolina, he plays solo and carries his own small PA.

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TOOTING, LONDON

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THE ARTISTS SHOWCASE · NEPTUNE, NJ

SELECTED LIVE PERFORMANCES

The Paradise
Boston · 40 appearances

The Antelope
London

The Green Door
London

The Maverick
London

Taylor's
Camden Town, London

Rockwood Music Hall
New York City

Cat's Cradle
Carrboro, NC

Carrboro Songwriters Festival
Creator and performer · Oct 2026

Luckenbach
Texas

Anderson Fair
Houston, TX

IOTA
Arlington, VA

Southgate House
Kentucky

PRESS

"An unbelievable intersection of improbable influences and experiences... a résumé that reads more like a musical adventure novel than a series of career bullet points."
CITYBEAT, CINCINNATI, OH

"An astounding guitar player, a virtuoso on acoustic and electric, ... a killer slide player and master of the finger-picking style."
SHERYL & DON CROW, NASHVILLE BLUES SOCIETY

"One of, if not the most, interesting and engaging guests I have had on Roots Down. ... His interview went twice as long as most and I still wanted to hear more."
LUKE CHURCH, WVTF MUSIC, ROOTS DOWN

"One thing is for sure after 5 records: Eric Sommer never disappoints. Brilliant!"
STEVE DALE, TALL TIMBER MUSIC EXPRESS, SEATTLE

"This multi instrumentalist bad boy could easily be a superstar in his own right."
MIDWEST RECORD, LAKE ZURICH, IL

"An extraordinary guitar player... a very good singer and song craftsman as well."
VOCALS ON TOP, ON RAINY DAY KARMA

"A gifted guitar player. He's also a warm and friendly storyteller."
RICHARD WINHAM, PHD, WUTC-FM

COMING UP

Sat Oct 24	WCOM 103.5 radio, with Rich Scher
Sun Oct 25	Lapin Bleu, Chapel Hill
Tue Dec 8	Nash Street Tavern, Hillsborough
Thu Dec 10	Bar Mutiny, Chapel Hill
Fri Jan 15, 2027	Sidetrack, Chapel Hill

WRITING

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FESTIVAL

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