

ROBERT REX WALLER JR. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert Rex Waller Jr. is a singer, songwriter, performer and professor living in Los Angeles, CA. Over the last 20+ years Waller has been the lead singer and one of the principal songwriters with the critically acclaimed country rock band, **I See Hawks in L.A.**

The Hawks have released ten studio albums and toured the US and Europe extensively. Noted for their lyrical celebrations of earth and ecosphere, odes to the endless highway, and wry social commentary, they've gathered a loyal and global tribe from many U.S. and Europe/UK tours, consistently rave reviews from critics, and a serious presence in the Top 10 of the Freeform American Roots chart, the Americana Chart, and the Euro Americana chart. Their songs have also been placed in TV and films including *Cobra Kai*, *Roswell*, and *True Blood*.

Dave Alvin has called the Hawks “one of California’s unique treasures” and *MOJO* magazine named them “the finest country rock band on the planet.”

Waller has written, recorded, or performed with artists including but not limited to **Phoebe Bridgers, Lucinda Williams, Carla Olson, Eddie Mitchell, Stevie Wonder, Cheech Marin, Jackson Browne, Justin Townes Earle, Tom Petty, Chris Hillman, Herb Peterson, John York, David Jackson, Gabe Witcher, Rick Shea, Dave Alvin, James Intveld, Gregg Sutton, Tony Gilkyson, Raul Pacheco, Peter Case, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Bernie Leadon, and The Meat Puppets.**

Waller and the Hawks have performed at some of the most legendary venues and festivals in Americana music including: McCabe’s Guitar Shop, Old Town School of Folk Music Chicago, Slim’s (SF), and Joe’s Pub (NYC). His festival appearances include: Kerrville Folk Fest, Stagecoach, Strawberry Festival (CA), Down On The Farm (Halden, Norway), Maverick Fest (UK), Belladrum Tartan Heart (UK), Hempfest (Seattle), French Broad River Fest (NC), Albino Skunk Fest (SC), and showcases at Folk Alliance.

In addition to his performing career, Waller is also a professor at the **University of Southern California**. Alumni from his legendary *Writing for Visual and Performing Artists* course are professionally active in all genres of the arts from TV and film to Broadway to popular and classical music to visual arts, architecture and video games.

Waller released *Fancy Free*, his first solo album of cover songs, in 2016. Waller’s second solo album, *See The Big Man Cry*, was produced by **Carla Olson** and is set to be released on BFD records on October 20th, 2023.

Waller lives in the Highland Park neighborhood of Los Angeles with his wise and understanding wife, three well-behaved children, and two adoring cats.

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