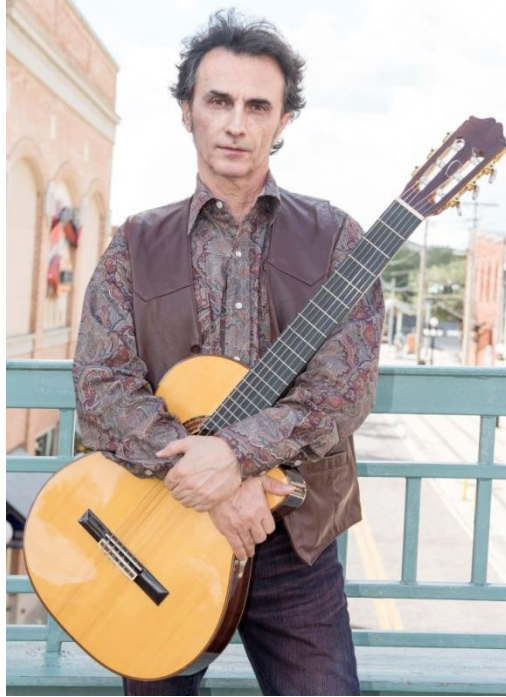


## BILLY KEEN



### Guitarist, Vocals, Composer

Gypsy Star founder, Billy Keen, originally from New England, born in Rhode Island, started his musical life playing drums like his father who was a jazz drummer. Billy formed his first rock band at the age of 13. He also played brass instruments such as bugle, valve and slide trombones as well as the baritone horn in marching and school bands. While in high school, he started getting into blues and picked up harmonica and fronted a blues rock band. Around that time he started taking guitar lessons. While playing a variety of instruments, he eventually settled on guitar as his instrument of choice. By age 20, he was on the road full time, first playing in New England and then throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. Eventually he moved to the Tampa Bay area of Florida. Over the years, he became increasingly interested in and inspired by various musical styles from around the world and began composing songs reflecting these new influences. After trying to work out the new songs with various combinations of musicians for a year or so, a newly formed group with the new name, Gypsy Star finally came together in early 2006. After putting the band together, Billy produced their first album; the self-titled "*Gypsy Star*" CD in the fall of 2007 as well as their second release, "*Once In A Dream*" in 2011, the single "*The Tale Of The Mistletoe*" released in December 2014 and Gypsy Star's newest album "*Under The Moonlit Night*" which is being released on January 1, 2017.

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