

CD revives LG classic

Tedd Browne's 1964 folk songs of LG

A little-known folk album about Lake George, recorded in 1964 by the nearly forgotten folk singer Tedd Browne, has been revived by a fan, Mark Mason, of Schenectady, who grew up listening to Browne's *Lake George Musical Portrait*.

"I've been listening to it since I was 14, and I'm 54 now. I just love the songs," he says. A published songwriter himself, Mr. Mason says he sought the rights to form his production company, Weedgie Music, so that he could re-issue this album.

He's retained the original liner notes by Shirley Caple, a Lake George native who met Browne at the Bitter End Coffeehouse in Greenwich Village, New York City, and so intrigued him with her stories of Lake George and its history that he came north for two months and penned a dozen songs about the history of this region.

Under Shirley Caple's tutelage, Browne managed to take in a lot of inside local history in a very short time, as evidenced by the wide range and knowledgeable details of his songs about loggers headed to the big city of Glens Falls, for example, or important historical personages. Titles include "Fort William Henry," "Father Jogues," "Glens Falls," "The Barton Mines" and "Rogers' Slide."

The album is restored onto CD using digital technology, overseen by Larry DeVivo of Silverton Mastering in Schenectady. He had 1,000 copies printed.



Tedd Browne's 1964 album *Lake George Musical Portrait*, reissued this spring as a digitally remastered CD. That's a Richard Dean photo on the cover.

Left: Tedd Browne, from the liner notes.

It's available at the Lake George Historical Society in Lake George and the Chapman Museum in Glens Falls, or online at www.lakegeorgesongs.com. Cost: \$15 online, \$18 in gift shops.

Sadly, Browne died in 1968, a victim of random racist violence, murdered in his own driveway in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Mason said his next project is Browne's other album, a musical portrait of Lyndon B. Johnson. — **C. DeDe**

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