

Dom Flemons, "The American Songster" Biography:

GRAMMY Award Winner and Two-Time EMMY Nominee Dom Flemons is originally from Phoenix, Arizona and currently lives in the Washington, D.C. area. He is known as "The American Songster" since his repertoire of music covers nearly 100 years of American folklore, ballads, and tunes. Flemons is a music scholar, historian, record collector and a multi-instrumentalist. He is considered an expert player on the Banjo, Fife, Guitar, Harmonica, Percussion, Quills, and Rhythm Bones.

In 2018, Flemons released his solo album titled Dom Flemons Presents Black Cowboys on GRAMMY Award winning record label Smithsonian Folkways. This recording is part of Folkways 70th Anniversary and the African American Legacy Recordings series in conjunction with the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. The album has spent 31 consecutive weeks on Billboard Bluegrass and charted on both Folk radio and Traditional Folk radio charts. Flemons was featured on syndicated radio broadcasts World Café and NPR's Here and Now to discuss the history of black cowboys and the new record. Flemons' website [TheAmericanSongster.com](http://TheAmericanSongster.com) was selected by the Library of Congress for inclusion in the American Music Creators Web Archive.

Flemons has performed with leading musicians such as Old Crow Medicine Show, Taj Mahal, Guy Davis, Mike Seeger, Joe Thompson, Martin Simpson and Boo Hanks. He's been a professional touring musician for the past ten years and has traveled around the nation and the world presenting traditional folk and roots music to diverse audiences. He's performed as a

soloist at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, Cecil Sharp House, the Grand Ole Opry, the Opening Ceremony for the National Museum of African American History and Culture, National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Newport Folk Festival and represented the United States at the 2017 Rainforest World Music Festival in Kuching, Malaysia.

In 2017, Flemons was featured on David Holt's State of Music on PBS and performed as bluesman Joe Hill Louis on CMT's original hit television show Sun Records. In 2016, Flemons released a duo album with British musician Martin Simpson titled *Ever Popular Favourites*, on Fledg'ling Records. Flemons launched a podcast, American Songster Radio, on WUNC Public Radio and filmed two instructional DVD's through Stefan Grossman's Guitar Workshop. In 2014, he released a critically acclaimed solo album Prospect Hill through Music Maker Relief Foundation.

In 2005, Flemons co-founded the Carolina Chocolate Drops who won a GRAMMY for Best Traditional Folk in 2010. He left the group to pursue his solo career in 2014 and in 2016 the Carolina Chocolate Drops were inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame.