The Hoping Machine Tour

The demand for songs with a purpose of uniting voices is higher than it ever has been in my lifetime. I am finding myself singing the songs that define us as Americans, the songs that brought us through some of the hardest times in history. It seems to me that there are many that describe what we are going thru today politically and socially.  I am excited to share some of these songs and stories…  the ones that have empowered me thru this trying time. The ones that give us hope. I am coming to your town to gather people, voices, and hope in the same way my dear old honorary grandfather Pete Seeger would. I believe it is time to make him proud. Not just Pete, but Woody and Phil Ochs.. and all the folksinging heroes that have paved the way for us to explore the power of song. The Hoping Machine was a term my Grandfather Woody coined to describe humans. He says “ the Note of hope is the only note that can keep us from falling to the bottom of the heap of evolution because, largely, about all a human being is anyway is just, a hoping machine”  He also built a hoping machine that was used while he was shipped out in the merchant marines in order to make the u-boat go just fast enough to get out of the way of the torpedoes.  I love the idea that we can keep Woody’s Hoping Machine going… at a time when we are very much in need of hope and action.