







Nate Houge

- Singer//Songwriter
- •Resource Musician
- Workshop//Retreat Leader

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Nate's provocative roots rock style hits on themes of redemption, social justice, relationships, and unconditional love, all delivered with understated insight and a casual sense of humor. His ability to engage an audience serves him well as his venues range from church to club, from coffee house to preschool. In fact, his record is doing three of those four in two states and three cities, in an eight hour span. Yep.

The bulk of Nate's work is in the singer songwriter tradition as showcased on his album **Folkstar**. In 2009 he released two new albums exploring other areas he works in.

Mysterious Kung Fu Ninja and the Pink Princess of Pretty Pretty Land

• A collection of new and traditional family songs in a roots rock style.

Becoming Liturgy

• 28 original liturgical pieces intended for home and congregational use featuring guitar, piano, violin, hand percussion and more

As a resource musician Nate is an experienced worship leader in congregational, camp, and retreat settings. Inviting the participation of the whole assembly and welcoming all ages and abilities is key to Nate's leadership style.

Nate loves facilitating workshops on alternative worship styles, addressing both the theoretical and practical aspects of honoring traditional forms while incorporating styles and instrumentation indigenous to your local faith community. Nate's work with children's music has welcomed him as a presenter at early childhood conferences as well.

Nate's songwriting and playing has appeared on albums by Jonathan Rundman, Rachel Kurtz, Micah Taylor, and Fuller Still. In addition he has toured as a multi-instrumentalist with Rundman, Kurtz, and Taylor.

When not on the road Nate writes faith development curriculum for Augsburg Fortress Publishing, rides/builds/gives away bikes, bakes bread, is an active member at Humble Walk Lutheran Church, teaches folk songs to neighborhood kids, and spends many a day with his two young, above average, daughters.

Places Played Include: Luther College IA Concordia University MN Eddie's Attic GA Gettysburg Seminary PA Outlaw Ranch SD The Fine Line MN Idaho Servant Adventures ID "Nate Houge is an engaging leader in front of groups, whether ten or a thousand. He's a refreshing blend of energy, good music, and sound theology -- with a sense of humor just wacky enough to keep things interesting."

Mark Jackson Professor of Children, Youth & Family Studies Trinity Lutheran College "Becoming Liturgy is impressive work, full of gracious theology and a kind of joy that the liturgy opens up."

Rev. Patricia Lull Dean of Students Luther Seminary