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UNSUNG HEROES OF FOLK MUSIC 2023

This course will examine the lives and careers American folk music artists who developed a loyal following during the folk music boom of the 1960s and 70s but never made the "Big Time". Our challenge will be to see if we can discover which factors or events or characteristics were instrumental in limiting the individual artists' careers.

We will cover two artists each week, including Eric Andersen, Norman Blake, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Steve Gillette, Ian and Sylvia, Bill Staines, Doc Watson, and Kate Wolf. The course format will include text, audio, and video presentations and will also feature occasional live performances by a local folkie.