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MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT **December 4, 2004 — 7:30 pm**

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's First Saturday Concerts** will present :

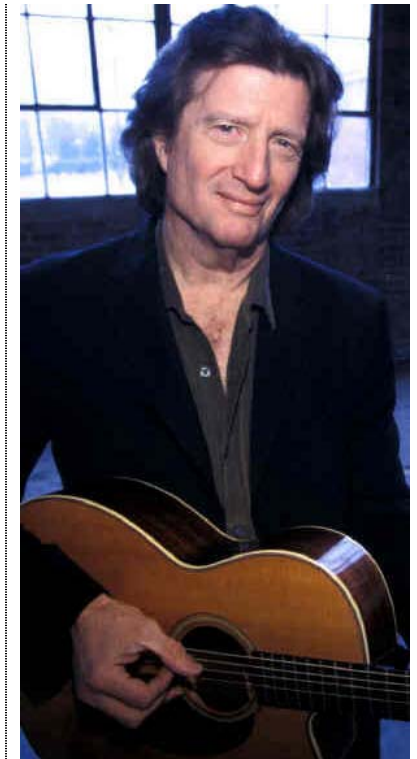
CHRIS SMITHER

Master Blues Performer

Chris Smither has slowly perfected the art of solo performance for more than 30 years. He is now among a handful of American singer-guitarists mastering the rarest of concert feats: Smither is a band unto himself. Smither works alone — just his voice and his six-string acoustic — but still swings more than most full combos ... his ceaseless foot-tapping underscoring subtle but forceful picking, while a deep, careworn voice animates such thoughtful ruminations on life's *Big Questions*.

Through the decades, Chris has taken the blues in a direction entirely his own: stoic existential ruminations sung in a pained, weathered moan and set to quietly virtuosic guitar. He ponders the nature of love, freedom and reality itself. Meanwhile his fingers fly, picking out bouncing bass lines and high, pristine melodies as his foot taps the beat. There was always unpretentious philosophy in the deep blues, and Smither has followed it toward his own quiet epiphanies.

This will be a rare opportunity to see this superb bluesman at the peak of his career.



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ABOUT THE CONCERT AND VENUE:

Concert at 7:30 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A).

An "open mike" segment precedes the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; sign up is before 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available during the intermission.

General admission for this event is \$15, with \$12 for members and \$14 for seniors. For more information regarding this event please call **(631) 425-2925**.

Addition information about the Folk Music Society of Huntington and our concerts are available on our website:

<http://fmshny.org>