

Eric Elliott

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Mountain Dulcimer Player, Songwriter, Singer
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Publicity Bio:

A young and enthusiastic mountain dulcimer player, songwriter, and singer, Eric Elliott combines a respect for traditional acoustic music with a love of classic folk-rock to create a fresh and energetic style of mountain dulcimer music. Influenced by the dulcimer music and playing style of Force & d'Ossché, as well as that of his uncle, Quintin Stephens, Eric's playing is upbeat, rhythmic, and fun to watch. Combine this technical instrumental skill with his thoughtful songwriting and melodic voice, and you have a unique, redefined genre of folk-pop/Americana dulcimer music that hearkens to the early songs of Paul Simon, Mimi and Richard Farina, Wilco, and other contemporary folk artists.

Eric has been playing and performing with the dulcimer since he was 13, and has been giving lessons and workshops on the instrument for just over 3 years. He also plays drums, piano, open-tuned acoustic guitar, and electric bass, and deftly incorporates each of these instruments in his arrangement of the music he hears in his head. This diverse instrumentation gives his music a full and warm sound, and an emotional depth that swings from joy to heartbreak, all while maintaining a high level of energy.

Eric has produced and released various collaborations with other talented musicians, including three studio albums with the San Antonio-based folk-rock band Jasper's Cast, in which Eric played dulcimer and sang lead vocals. In December of 2014, Eric released his first solo mountain dulcimer album, "Dots and Lines" through 3 Strings Records. It is a diverse and heartfelt collection of original folk-pop songs featuring both the acoustic and electric mountain dulcimer, and it redefines the instrument for a new generation of young songwriters.

Press:

"Eric Elliott's new album is evocative and excellent. This is a mountain dulcimer player (both acoustic and electric) ... and guitar, bass, piano, drum, and percussion player, but don't forget composer, arranger and singer ... to watch. Now everyone, get busy figuring out how to accomplish all this seamlessly before you're 30 years old. It's young players like Eric that inspire the dulcimer community to greater heights just by being thoughtful and skillful musicians themselves. Thanks Eric!"

-Bonnie Carol, award-winning mountain and hammered dulcimer musician,
instructor, and builder

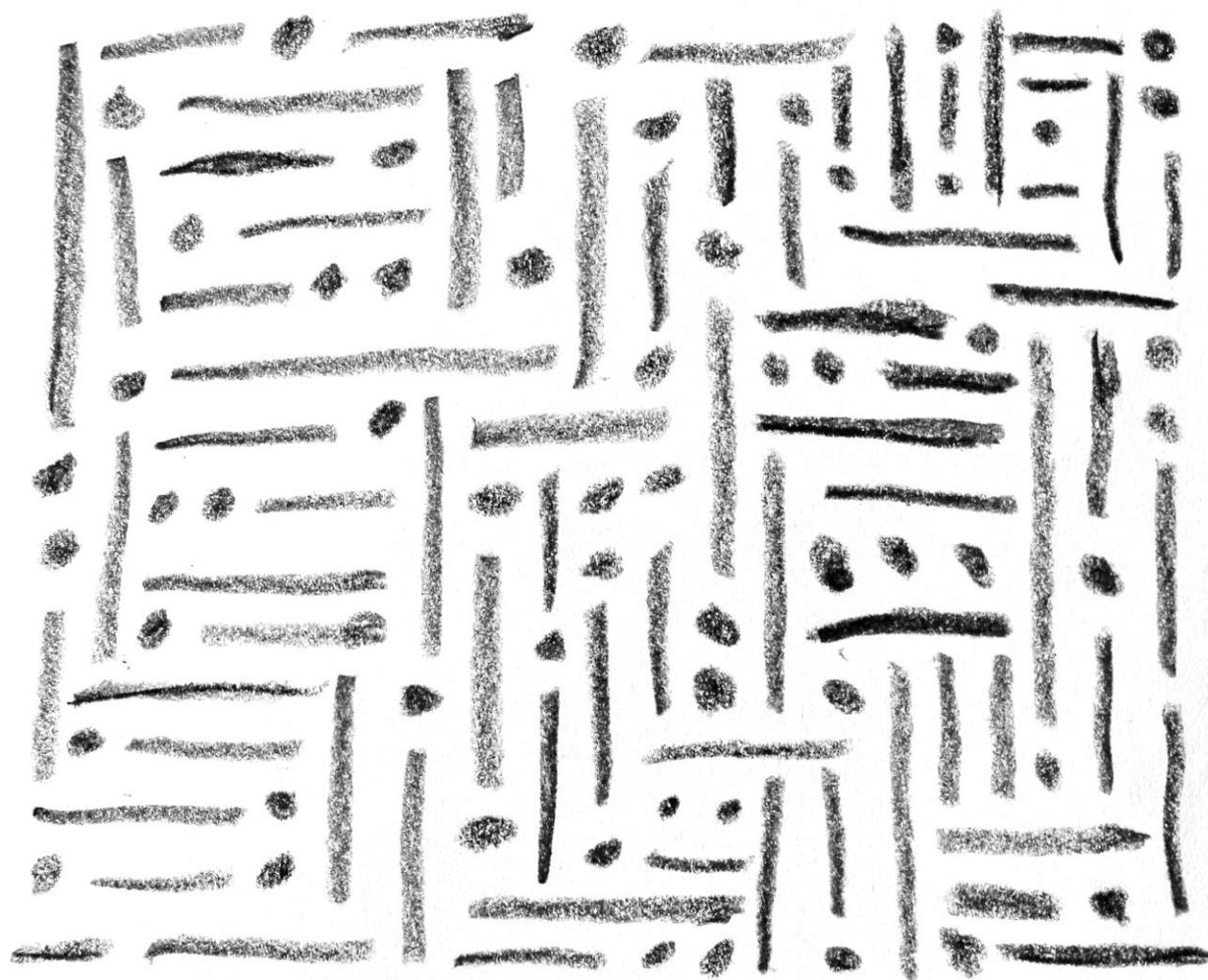
"Find your fix of bluegrass-influenced jamming with Jasper's Cast. These four young musicians wield mandolins and dulcimers like they were flying Vs and pass up angst in favor of good-vibe harmonies."

-Callie Enlow, San Antonio Magazine









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