

TOM CALLINAN IN LIBRARY CONCERT OCTOBER 12 **375th Anniversary Celebrated with Songs, Stories & Tunes**

The Stratford Library will host Connecticut's first State Troubadour, **Tom Callinan**, in a special concert of songs, stories and tunes from Connecticut's past and present on **Sunday, October 12 at 2 pm**. The special event is held in conjunction with the town-wide celebration of Stratford's 375th anniversary. It is free and open to the public.

Tom Callinan's programs are geared to the Civil War, Young America (colonial and Revolutionary War), Whales and Whaling and Connecticut history. His entertaining and informative narrative style brings audiences of all ages to the performance with catchy choruses, interesting anecdotes and an assortment of musical instruments from the string, wind and percussion families. In 1991, Callinan was named Connecticut first Official State Troubadour by the Connecticut General Assembly. In 1995, he was designated a Master Teaching Artist by the Connecticut Commission on the Arts and, in 1999, he was selected to represent Connecticut at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' Millennium Stage State Days Series in Washington, D.C.

Tom Callinan's 375th Anniversary Concert will be held outside in the Stratford Library Amphitheatre beginning at 2 pm on October 12. Patrons are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket to spread. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held in the Library Lobby.

For further information, call the Library at 203.385.4162 or visit: www.stratfordlibrary.org.