



Bob Miles (1/03)

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If you haven't caught Bob Miles' cable guitar show "Miles of Music" you definitely should. It is THE ONLY guitar show of its kind in the world and Bob is attaining national recognition for his innovative and educational show.

Bob has been a guitar addict since the age of 12 when he inherited a guitar from his older brother. When still in his teens, Bob would spend hours practicing and playing music of the Allman Brothers, Yes, the Beatles, and other classic rock bands. His friends used to say "Bob's diggin' a hole again!"

In high school Bob was in a 7 member band "Lost Symphony" - a name they got from the back of a Yes album. Bob went on to study music at Bucks County Community College, playing in disco bands in his spare time.

Bob stopped playing music for about 10 years while he pursued a career as an appraiser. Then in 1993, at the age of 35, he made a decision that would change his life forever. While finishing up an appraisal job in Plano, TX, a voice inside told him to "just get home." At home the next day, while watching Good Morning America, Bob heard that the town he had just left the day before was wiped out by a tornado. Bob interpreted this incident as an omen and made the move to go back to his music and his guitar.

In 1995, he opened the Guitar Academy in Warrington, PA and within a short time had more students than he could handle. In 1997 he started "World of Guitar" that aired by Suburban Cable, which offered him excellent production for his shows. The name of the show was later changed to "Miles of Music" and is now aired by Comcast on Channel 66.

Shortly after the cable show was launched, Bob reconnected with one of his high school friends, Janet. Bob and Janet were married in 1999 and moved to Lambertville where they have a lovely home.

"Miles of Music" hosts some of the world's greatest guitar players, including: Pat Martino, Les Paul, Bob Benedetto, Jackie King, Tyrone Brown, and Arlen Roth just to name only a few. Bob recently interviewed Steve Howe of Yes. Bob Benedetto says of Bob's show, "...what a refreshing and wonderful contribution "World of Guitar" ["Miles of Music] is to American television. Bob Miles has discovered a cultural niche, appreciated by guitar enthusiasts, and music enthusiasts, of all levels..." Nashville has picked up "Miles of Music" and is airing it 3 times a week on Channel 19.

Currently Bob is in negotiations with two major networks to take over production of his show. He is also putting together a tribute band to honor the great guitar players of the last 30 years. He already has the commitment of George Williams

from Beatlemania to play bass and sing.

Bob has been featured in *Bucks County Town & Country Living Magazine* and the *Intelligencer* and has received accolades from many of the guitar greats that he has interviewed. It is estimated that the show will reach several million viewers. In 1998, the show took 1st Place in the entertainment category at The Hometown Video Festival - one of over 1,400 entries.

Locally, "Miles of Music" airs 3 days a week on Channel 66 - Wed.night at 7:00 PM, Thursday afternoons at 2:00 PM, and Saturday evenings at 6:00 PM. You can also catch the show on RCN Cable and Drexel University Public TV. If you cannot find the show in your local listings, contact Bob at 215- 343-3011 or visit his website at www.milesofmusic.tv.