

Elly Winger Bio

- ◆ **2014 NY Blues Hall of Fame Inductee**
- ◆ **2012 Tall City Blues Fest Performer/Workshops**
- ◆ **2012 Woodstock Invitational Luthiers Conference Performer**
- ◆ **2010 Official Showcase Selection /Folk Alliance Midwest Conference**
- ◆ **2010 Songwriting Finalist / Susquehanna Music & Arts Festival**
- ◆ **2008 Folk DJ's Choice / Northeast Regional Folk Alliance**
- ◆ **Honorable Mentions / International Songwriting Contest & Song of the Year**

“Armed with only an acoustic and/or National steel guitar, this woman of the mountains can weave all manner of spells with authoritative, expert finger picking, propulsive strumming, and snaky slide.”

~Robert Burke Warren, The Chronogram

A 2014 inductee into the NY Blues Hall of Fame, Elly Winger has been called a *'folk-blues legend'* who is *'beyond category.'* With a cornucopia of American styles at her fingertips, Elly has won numerous awards for her songwriting, and performed in clubs and at folk festivals since her start in the Greenwich Village folk revival where, encouraged by her guitar teacher, David Bromberg, she played blues and ragtime guitar in the basket houses. Elly played opening night at CBGB and performed there regularly, as well as in other NYC venues such as Kenny's Castaways, Dr. Generosity's, Folk City and the Bitter End. Elly has performed annually at the Woodstock Invitational Luthier's Showcase, and was a featured performer and clinic instructor at the 2012 Tall City Blues Fest in Midland Texas. Elly is also a composer and producer. Her series of music documentaries, *"Rockin' the Boat,"* won several awards, including one from the United Nations. Her guitar and vocal work, as well as her original songs, have been featured in theater productions, films, video games, and on the Clio award-winning public service campaign *"Friends."* Elly makes her home in Woodstock, NY, and can be heard on WIOX 91.3 Roxbury where she hosts 2 radio shows: "Catskill Cabaradio" and "The Front Burner." In addition to teaching guitar, Elly conducts workshops assisting people of all ages and abilities in the creative songwriting process.

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