

## Rene Russell Bio

Rene Russell is a 12-string guitarist, with an Americana-Folk-Rock percussive groove. She has been crafting her percussive, bass-thumping, claw-hammer finger-picking technique since she picked up the 12-string in 1972.

A native of South Carolina, Rene Russell has been dazzling audiences with her brand of percussive Americana/Rock for the past 30+ years from Nashville to San Diego, Atlanta to Austin, Texas. Rene not only writes her own material, but performs it with the passion and precision only a dedicated artist is capable of.

In the summer of 2022, Rene decided it was time for a reset, so she left Charleston, SC and moved to the mountains of Western NC where she has been writing and performing. This led to an auspicious meeting. In 2023, Rene met 2 other gifted solo artists; **Bridget Gossett** and **Heidi Holton** at a Nashville style Songwriters Round, they quickly bonded over music and began writing together, they now have a trio called, **The HiHearts**.

They began working with **Michael Hynes** at **Nomatic Studio** and recording at **Purple Ridge Recording Studio** in Canton, NC. As of January 2024, **The HiHearts** have recorded 2 singles, **"Swim"** drops April 19, 2024 and **"Hocus Focus"** will be available this summer. All 3 of these ladies have separate solo careers.

Rene Russell has 2 singles coming this year as well, **"The Key"** drops March 23, 2024 and **"Stand"** a song for the ocean, will drop on April 19, 2024, with an album to follow in Fall of 2024.

- **2021** Rene Russell and the Bottom End released **"Unheard Of"** and **"Too Late"** as singles before releasing the album, **"Dream The World Anew"** in May of 2021. **"Unheard Of"** was also supported by a video release.
- **2020** during the Covid-19 quarantine, Rene retreated to the mountains of Western North Carolina, where she wrote the album **"Dream The World Anew"**. The band spent the rest of that year recording.
- **2019** Rene was asked to write a song for the [Homelesstohopefund.org](https://homelesstohopefund.org) in Charleston, SC. The result was **"What Kind"**. Which was released along with **"Doodlebug"** that year.
- **2019** The band also performed **"What Kind"** at the annual gala/fundraiser for Homelesstohopefund.org at the Galliard Auditorium.
- **April 23, 2018** The band's first single and video, **"I Wonder, Do You?"** released
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- **2017** Rene teamed up with Producer Chris Blackwell, formed the band- **Rene Russell & the Bottom End**
- **2016** Rene performed at **"Blast on the Bay Emerging Talent Showcase"** in Port St. Joe, FL and won **1st Place** with her song, **"Spec of Truth"**
- **2015** Rene's song **"Who We Really Are"** was winner of **"In Search of A Song"**,
- **2015** performed at the **"30-A Songwriter's Festival"** in Ft. Walton Beach, FL.
- **2014** Released solo album, **"Freeverse"**
- **2011/2012** Rene Russell was a co-host for BalconyTV Charleston/Behind the Scenes.

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