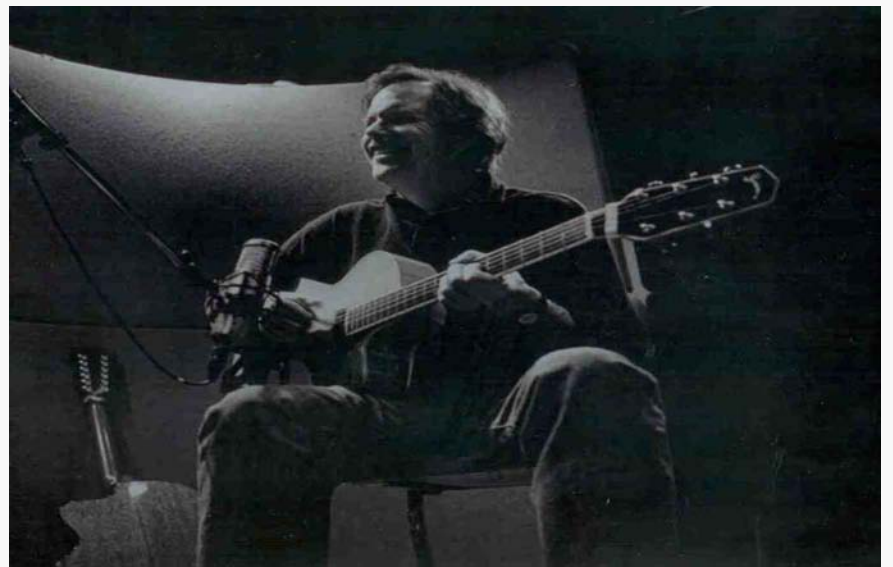




**Leo Kottke**  
**Inducted in 2013**

Born in Athens, Georgia, Kottke was known for his fingerpicking guitar style that draws on influences from blues, jazz, and folk music and is widely recognized as a master



of the guitar. After completing his studies at St. Cloud State, he became a regular performer at the scholar coffeehouses in 1966, where he recorded his debut album “12-String Blues”. In the early 1980’s, due to an injury, he changed his picking style to a classical style and studied more classical and jazz oriented compositional and playing techniques. He has worked with many performers including Chet Atkins, Margo Timmins, Rickie Lee Jones and many others and has been a frequent guest on the radio program “A Prairie Home Companion”.