

# Finalists

## **Scott Perkins of Smyrna, Georgia**

Atlanta Native Scott Perkins has been writing songs since 1974, and performing (Silver Lining Band; The Donuts, Little Perks in Paradise) all along, mostly incognito—maintaining his secret identity as a mild-mannered Pension Consultant.

With Country/Folk song, *“Till the Waters of the Suwannee Bring You Home,”* written May 20, 2019.

Crafted to sound traditional, a little old-fashioned, and to hit the heartstrings of Home, Love, Wanderlust, Sacrifice and Nostalgia. The structure of the contest encouraged me to explore the lyrical beauty of simply saying the names of some rivers and tributaries, then I simply tied in their very nature as waterways to bring someone home. It fit well on a theme of "no one decides where they're from, only where they're going" that I wanted to write about since hearing a similar line on "The Walking Dead" at the end of last season.

## **Dick Grillo of Live Oak, Florida**

Dick Grillo has served at Advent Christian Village in various capacities since 1982, currently as Senior Director of Community and Church Outreach. His degree in music and years of experience have allowed him the opportunity to uniquely blend career skills in service to those in and around Dowling Park. This project is truly a labor of love for the community.

With a Folk/Country song, *“Dear ‘Ol Suwannee,”* written February 1, 1999.

This particular song (DEAR ‘OL SUWANNEE©) highlights specific historic, recorded facts related to transportation, commerce, and a way of life along the Suwannee River Valley Region. The chorus relates a sentiment shared by most people who have lived or now live at Dowling Park and along the Suwannee River.

## **Jadean Jourden of Ponte Vedra, Florida**

It is with the greatest honor and humility that I share with my Global Music Family that I have been nominated in this year’s Josie Music Awards as Vocalist of the Year in Jazz/Blues & Rising Star of the Year! [Josiemusicawards.com](http://Josiemusicawards.com)

With a Newgrass Bluegrass song, *“Save our Suwannee,”* written April 24, 2012.

My passionate response to many of the wasteful and negligent actions by corporations and big cities throughout Florida and others that endanger the aquifer and the surrounding eco systems that are essential to the preservation of wildlife and humans alike!

## **Kyle Chamberlain and David Rodock of Adel, Georgia**

Dirty Bird Chamberlain—Valdosta-based singer songwriter and lead vocalist for the band Dirty Bird and the Flu.

With a funk song, *“Alapaha Laphogs,”* written July 8, 2017.

A fun romp that uses the local river systems as inspiration for the chorus and hook.

## **Norene Olsen of Hahira, Georgia**

An Air Force retiree, I also was an English and science teacher at the high school and college levels. I published my first poem at 10, and subsequently published several in high school and college in local publications. Although I sing in the church choir, I have no formal music education beyond grade school and a college music appreciation class.

With a folk song, *“Driftin Down the Suwannee,”* written May 5, 2019.

My song is about the peace and serenity that can be found on the river when you leave the city behind and just enjoy nature.