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Singer/songwriter Tom Shed will return to Pine Island, performing at the Tarpon Lodge later this month.

## Shed to perform at Tarpon Lodge

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Florida native Tom Shed will share with his audience songs about real Floridian events Tuesday, March 28, at the Tarpon Lodge in Pineland.

Shed has been writing and playing music for the last 30 years and has appeared at numerous folk festivals throughout the country. His travels have taken him to the Florida Folk Festival, Will McLean Festival, Gamble Rogers Festival and the Ravine Gardens Festival. Playing both the banjo and guitar, Shed has performed in Canada, New Zealand and Australia, as well as in areas all over the United States.

While Shed was born and raised in Florida, this will be his first visit to Pine Island.

"I have traveled throughout the state and I really look forward to visiting Pine Island."

In addition to live performances, Shed also has written and performed sound tracks for several award-winning films and television, and has produced albums for fellow musicians. One such notable was "Walk Proud My Son" for the late Native American, Don Grooms.

Shed's songs chronicle such historic

events as the great hurricane of 1928, the Jacksonville fire of 1901 and a murder that took place in 1953 in north Florida which serves as a look back to a small town prior to civil rights in Florida.

On a less serious note, Shed also has performed songs about alien abduction, experiencing true southern hospitality and the motor home madness on Florida's busy highways.

"I call my tour 'History, Humor and Human Condition.' I would like the Pine Island audience to know that they can look forward to hearing songs that I am sure they have never heard and not all of them were written by me," said Shed. "These songs all deliver a message, not only about real happenings in Florida history, but about a variety of subjects including travel and marriage."

"I am sure everyone will leave the show with some food for thought because there are reasons behind the words that are informative and entertaining."

The Tuesday show is scheduled for 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Tarpon Lodge. For more information about Tom Shed, visit his Web site at [tomshed.com](http://tomshed.com), or for information about his Pine Island performance, call the Tarpon Lodge at 283-3999.