

Townes Van Zandt, singer/song-writer/raconteur/legend, will bring his story-songs and ballads to the Berkeley Cafe on the 21st. "Townes Van Zandt is the best songwriter in the whole world, and I'll stand on Bob Dylan's coffee table in my cowboy boots and say that," fellow songwriter Steve Earle once said of his friend. In a dozen or so albums since 1968, Van Zandt has written country and folk classics, including the Waylon and Willie duet "Pancho and Lefty," the romantic "If I Needed You" and the ethereal/mystical "To Live is to Fly."