

## Roger Clyne & his Mexican Moonshine

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**He's a homegrown celeb strutting his stuff this Cinco de Mayo. Check out how you can "salud" to Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers.**

Thirsty? How about a chilled glass of Mexican Moonshine—a soft, sipping tequila with a savory, buttery taste? The creator of the alcohol says it goes down nice and easy, and there's no need for added salt or lime.

"It's my favorite drink," said musical artist, Roger Clyne.

Meet the man behind Mexican Moonshine: Roger Clyne, the head-honcho of the popular Peacemakers. This multi-talented father of three launched the drink last year, and you can taste-test the sipper this Cinco de Mayo with the singer himself.

"We'll be performing at Scottsdale's *Salty Señorita*. It's going to rock," said Clyne.

Get ready to rock with this rock & roll icon. He'll be serenading the Cinco de Mayo crowd with tunes from his latest album, "Unida Cantina."

"It's a celebratory CD about a man who knows how to have fun, but still has many unanswered questions."

The Peacemakers have released a handful of albums, but their *Salty Señorita* performance will be *the official Arizona show where fans can get familiar with the new tunes*.

But rewind more than 40 years ago, when Clyne was just a kid. He's a "zoni" at heart, being raised between Tempe and Senoia. His parents divorced young, so Clyne spent his days going back and forth between developing suburbia to rural Southeastern Arizona.

"I could often be found in the front of the old Ford pick-up truck listening to tracks of Willie Nelson."

Yep, he'd go from living with his mom, a Tempe teacher, to visiting his father, a Senoia rancher, who he calls a professional cowboy.

"It was the best of both worlds; a varied pallet. One day I'd be hanging at the ranch, and another I'd be skateboarding and playing the guitar."

Clyne was a natural-born lefty, when it came to stroking guitar chords. He first started playing at age 7, but really got serious about it in high school.

The artist says he idolized Jonny Cash, but eventually took a liking to punk rock—the Sex Pistols, Social Distortion, and a mix of Tom Petty and Bruce Springsteen.

After high school, he spent eight years earning his Minor in Anthropology and Major in Psychology, and celebrated his degrees exploring Southeast Asia, during a post-college summer adventure.

"The moment I returned to Tempe, I started a band."

At 25-years old, the now 43-year old created the Peacemakers. The group became an instant hit, and their following continues to grow.

"Oh, it's been humbling; it's great to have this longevity. I always try to lead my arm with my heart."

And his heart has led him to great success. Clyne cherishes the day not so long ago the band performed at Alice Cooper's Arizona Christmas Pudding Concert. He says Cooper watched from side-stage, and once their act came to a close, Cooper took Clyne's hand and said, "You're my hero; my favorite rock and roller."

"That is a memory that will stick with me forever."



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In September 2010, Clyne launched his Mexican Moonshine tequila. It's sold at many Valley stores and is offered at a number of local cantinas.

However, the singer's top priority is his family—referring to himself as a “soccer coachin’, BBQin’, water-balloon buildin’ kind of dad.” His three kids range in age from 12 to 14, and he's been with his lovely lady more than 20 years.

“I married my best friend. I knew I loved her person beyond physical attraction.”

When he's not on tour or drinking tequila, Clyne can be found at local hot spots in his neighborhood of Tempe. His favorites include Four Peaks Brewery and the Thai Lemongrass Café.

Arizona's very own A-lister is truly a down-to-earth regular guy, except for the fact he has hundreds of thousands of fans world-wide. But on Cinco de Mayo 2011, you can get up-close and personal with the Peacemakers; simply head to Salty and “salud” over Mexican Moonshine.

*Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers:*

*8pm, Salty Señorita:*

*3636 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ.*

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