The New Lost City Ramblers in Always Been a Rambler
A film by Yasha Aginsky
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Celebrating 50 years of the New Lost City Ramblers: John Cohen, Mike Seeger, Tracy Schwarz & Tom Paley
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“One of the things that the New Lost City Ramblers did was uncover great old songs that you could only find in those days in piles of 78s in somebody’s barn. They breathed new life into those songs, and their records stand the test of time, just like the originals.” — Bob Dylan

ALWAYS BEEN A RAMBLER traces the journey of the New Lost City Ramblers, stars of the 1960’s folk revival who pioneered the concept of urban musicians working side by side with authentic traditional musicians. They influenced generations of musicians, from folk-rock elder statesmen Bob Dylan and Jerry Garcia to the contemporary African American string band the Carolina Chocolate Drops.

A treasure trove of recently filmed and rare archival footage, photos, and music, including musical performances and interviews by by the New Lost City Ramblers, Clarence Ashley, the Balfa Brothers & Nathan Abshire, Maybelle & Sara Carter, Elizabeth Cotten, Foghorn Duo, Rayna Gellert, David Grisman, Roscoe Holcomb, Pete Seeger, Ricky Skaggs, the Strange Creek Singers, Doc Watson, and many other contemporary and historical masters of old time music.

BONUS FOOTAGE: 24 minutes (8 more songs) of a rarely seen 1969 color film of the NLCR, plus never before seen 1959 footage of NLCR with Tom Paley (2 more songs)

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Narrated by David Holt
Produced by Chris Strachwitz, Suzy Thompson and Tom Diamant
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