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"GLAD" ALL OVER: Filmmaker **Chris Sautter** of Washington, D.C., has made a documentary about Worcester native and Northampton resident **Roger Salloom**, a singer/songwriter once touted by some as the "next Bob Dylan," according to the filmmaker, who knew Salloom when both were students at Indiana University in the late 1960s.

Sautter's film, "So Glad I Made It: The Saga of Roger Salloom, America's Best Unknown Songwriter," traces the career of Salloom from his psychedelic rock band in 1960s San Francisco to his '70s songwriting stint in Nashville. He is best known for the 1968 song "Marie Le Peau," which he recorded with the band Salloom, Sinclair, and the Mother Bear. The band's album on the Chess label received considerable airplay on WBCN. In the mid-'70s, his solo release "(Gotta Get) Out of Worcester" was a modest hit.

"So Glad I Made It" will have its Boston-area premiere July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Regent Theatre in Arlington. The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Sautter and Salloom, who will perform several songs. The film is also an official selection in the Woods Hole Film Festival in early August. For more information, contact the Regent Theatre at 781-646-4849.