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NOTL musician is living life on the fringe

Steve Goldberger shows passion for his craft through work with two local bands

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NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE -- With passion in his veins pumping passion from his heart, Steve Goldberger is one fringe local who knows how to master the right rhythm.

By day, Goldberger is tucked away in his private music studio in Niagara-on-the-Lake where he can always be seen strumming the strings on his guitar or mixing up music on a recorded track for an upcoming album. By dusk he's rocking the night away as a member of two bands, The Fringe Locals and The Niagara Rhythm Section. No matter what he's doing, the Genie Award winning musician always has his heart in it.

A regular at The Anchorage on Saturday nights, Goldberger can often be found performing with either of his bands playing a diverse mix of genres including jazz, folk, blues and country.

"They (the band members) are all professional musicians and none of our performances are rehearsed," he said. "There's always a chemistry (between us) because we've been doing it for so long."

With the Niagara Rhythm Section's performances the band - consisting of Goldberger, Dave Norris and Penner MacKay -- is always the constant each week with each performance featuring weekly guest artists. Since the band does not rehearse, they can adapt to the different music style of each performer.

"One time we performed with six drummers," he said. "The stage was huge and the place was packed. It made for great music."

Goldberger's music career began in the early 1970s as a member of the band Black Creek. Performing in various folk, jazz, blues, and country and roots bands throughout the years, the Genie award winning musician's life and career changed after moving to Niagara-on-the-Lake in



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Steve Goldberger performs weekly with his band the Niagara Rhythm Section at the Anchorage in Niagara-on-the-Lake.



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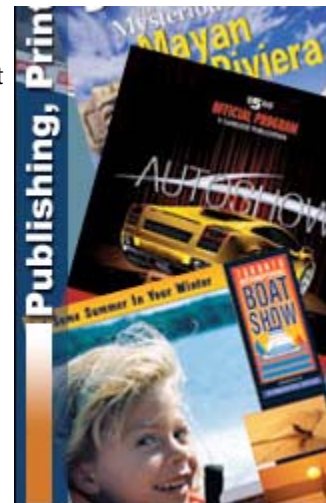


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He released his first CD, "Come From The Heart" in 2000 which was recorded over three nights at the Olde Angel Inn and the Feathers Pub in Toronto. That successful offering was followed up by 2002's "The Niagara-on-the-Lake Rhythm Project" and "Gumbo Dreams."

"Clueless" is his most recent album in which he performs alongside the Fringe Locals. The disc can be best described as a little bit of every music genre with Goldberger co-writing and producing all thirteen tracks.

Goldberger will be performing with The Niagara Rhythm this Saturday at 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.stevegoldberger.com.



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