

STEVE GOLDBERGER - BIO / DISCOGRAPHY

Since the early 70's Steve Goldberger has been a bandleader, songwriter and freelance bass player/vocalist. Today he is the leader of several bands, The Gentle Spirits, The Niagara Rhythm Section, The Old Winos and The Niagara Reefers (Jimmy Buffett tribute band), in addition to his other various freelance gigs in the Toronto & Niagara regions. Since opening the Shed Studio in 2000, he's recorded and/or produced dozens of projects.

After surviving open heart surgery in 1997, Steve released his first indi CD, in 2000. **COME FROM THE HEART** which was recorded live over three nights at the Old Angel Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Feathers Pub in Toronto.

In early 2002 Steve released the **NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE RHYTHM PROJECT**, a collection of original instrumental tunes.

GUMBO DREAMS, released in the fall of 2002, is Steve's first album of all original vocal material.

CLUELESS (2005) Thirteen new original songs and some covers. Crossing over from folk to country, good old rock and blues with tribal rhythms mixed in.

LIVE AT THE ANCHORAGE VOLUMES 1 & 2 Since 2003 Steve's Niagara Rhythm Section has been backing up a different guest artist every Saturday night at their weekly shows. Steve has produced and recorded two live albums featuring these performances with some of Canada's finest artists.

THE GOLDBERGER VARIATIONS (Dec/09) Studio album featuring a few originals but mostly "variations" on songs by his favourite Canadian and global songwriters.

COSMIC COWBOY (July 2015) Winner of Songwriter, Producer & Male Country Artist of the Year at the 2015 Niagara Music Awards. On this studio album Steve goes back to his roots as a lover of folk, country and bluegrass music.

THE GENTLE SPIRIT (November 2018) Another album of "variations" with Steve's unique takes on songs.

THE OLD WINOS & FRIENDS (February 2020) Back in 2012, Steve, with his long time drummer Dave Norris and veteran guitarist Mike Glatt put together a new roots band for a Friday night residency. This record features stellar performances by many of the band's regular guest singers and players.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO YOU (2022) A new album of 13 songs, covered in Steve's own fashion, is released.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1971-1988: Founding member of newgrass/rockers, RCA recording artists, BLACK CREEK. They appeared in clubs, concerts, festivals and as headliners, including opening for Supertramp, Arlo Guthrie, Melanie, Lester Flatt and more. Winners of the Genie Award (Canadian Oscar) for best original film score in 1975.
- 80s & 90s: Led several original and cover bands in Toronto, including Goldie Lox & the Bagels, Elephants Gerald, Blazing Saddles and several Black Creek reunion bands culminating in the Black Creek Big Band shows at Harbourfront.
- 1995: Moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake and started the Fringe Locals band.
- 1998 & 2013: Survived open-heart surgery. Twice!
- 2000: Built a recording studio and composed, recorded and produced corporate promotional CD, WILD HERB'S COOLER SOUNDS. Then in 2002: The shed studio is destroyed by fire.
- 2003: The new shed studio/Hitsville NOTL is opened. The Niagara Rhythm Section is formed for a weekly Saturday night gig.
- 2012: The Old Winos band is formed for a weekly Friday night gig.
- 2015: Winner of Songwriter, Producer & Country Artist of the Year at the 2015 Niagara Music Awards.
- 2018: The Gentle Spirits band is formed to exclusively play music from Steve's albums.
- 1972- present: Freelance bass player with a long list of artists.