Come From The Heart



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STEVE GOLDBERGER - BIO / DISCOGRAPHY

Since the early 70's Steve Goldberger has been a band leader, songwriter and freelance bass player/vocalist. Today he keeps busy with his bands The Gentle Spirits, The Niagara Rhythm Section and The Old Winos at their regular weekend gigs at The Old Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake and his other various gigs with a varied list of musicians in the Toronto & Niagara regions. Since opening the shed studio/Hitsville NOTL in 2000, he's recorded and/or produced dozens of projects either of his own or for other artists.

After surviving open heart surgery Steve released his first indi CD, in 2000. "COME FROM THE HEART" was recorded live over three nights at the Olde 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 material.

"CLUELESS" (2005) Once again, Steve and his pals put together a new album of diverse material. Steve hits the mark with thirteen new original songs. 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 live performances with some of Canada's finest artists, including Chuck Jackson, Johnny Max, Tony Springer, John Mays, Denis Keldie, Neil Chapman, Lance Anderson, Mark Lalama, John Dickie and more.

"THE GOLDBERGER VARIATIONS" (Dec/09) Studio album featuring a few originals but mostly "variations" on songs by his favourite Canadian and global songwriters. A slight departure from his other albums in that he plays most of the instruments himself on most of the songs. However the overall earthy and organic sound he is known for still remains.

"COSMIC COWBOY" (July 2015) Winner of Country Artist, Producer and Songwriter 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 record features five new original songs and more "variations" on songs that he's been playing around with since the 70's. Once again he plays most of the instruments but also has a stellar cast of players joining him including Tim Hicks, Serena Pryne, Andrew Aldridge, Denis Keldie, Shane Guse, Mark Lalama, Jesse Cobb, Wendell Ferguson, Roger Marin, Cam MacInnes, JIm Casson, Dave Norris, Andrew MacKay and more...

"THE GENTLE SPIRIT" (Novmber 2018) Another album of "variations" with Steve's unique takes on songs by his favourite songwriters. Songs by well know artists such as Crowded House, Dave Edmunds, Shania Twain, Lightfoot, NRBQ, Tom Petty, Bruce Hornsby and Jackson Brown take on a new life on this project. Also covers of indi Canadian songwriters David Leask, Mike Lynch and Duane Rutter are featured. There's even a bonus N'Orleans style Christmas song with Marueen Brown on drums!

"THE OLD WINOS & FRIENDS" (February 2020) Back in 2012, the owner of the Old Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake suggested that Steve along with his long time drummer Dave Norris and veteran guitarist Mike Glatt put together a Friday night residency band for his club. Eight years later the shows are still going strong and the boys decided to get together in Steve's studio to record some of the songs they play in the Friday night rambles.

For this project the trio put down the bed tracks and then over the next year or so, invited some of the regular Friday night guests to lend their talents to this record. It was a fun thing to do and the performances are stellar. The album features one original song by Steve and the rest are covers of songs by some of Steve' favourite songwriters including, Canadian songstress Katherine Wheatley, Dylan, Buddy Miller/Jim Lauderdale, the Bee Gees, Rodney Crowell/Johnny Cash, Steve Earle, John Hiatt and more.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1971-78: Founding member of newgrass/rockers, RCA recording artists, "BLACK CREEK". Appearances in clubs and concerts as

headliners and opening for Supertramp, Arlo Guthrie, Melanie, Lester Flatt and more.

1975: With Black Creek- winner of **1975 Genie Award** (Canadian Oscar) for best original score

1972-present: Freelance bass player with long list of artists including: Willie P. Bennett, Mark Haines, Blair Packham, Chris Whitely, Jamie

Snyder, Conrad Kipping, Margaret Chrystl, Bill Garret & Curly Boy Stubbs, Gayle Ackroyd, Dawn Duvall, Nancy Ryan,

Foolish Behaviour, Joe Ingrao, Mark Lalama, Craig Roberts, Steve Grisbrook, Mighty Duck Blues Band, Mike Lynch and more.

The 80's & 90's: Led several original and cover bands in Toronto including, Goldie Lox & the Bagels, Elephants Gerald, Blazing Saddles and

several Black Creek reunion bands culminating n 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

2002: The shed studio is destroyed by fire

The new shed studio/Hitsville NOTL is opened. The Niagara Rhythm Section is formed for a weekly Saturday night gig
Recorded and/or produced projects for James Brown, The Marantz Project, Martin Springett, Shoeshine Boys, Diesel Dog

2006: Recorded and produced Brazilian/Funk CD for Bruce Jones

2008: Recorded and produced CD's for Steve Grisbrook and Andrew MacKay

2015: Winner of Country Artist, Producer and Songwriter of the Year at the 2015 Niagara Music Awards.

2016-present: Life goes on. NRS and Old Winos continue their regular weekend shows and Steve keeps busy with freelance gigs & studio

work. His new band "The Gentle Spirits" is formed to exclusively play music from Steve's albums.