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The last time we heard from Steve Goldberger he had just released *The Niagara on the Lake Rhythm Project*, a compilation of instrumental tunes performed by Steve and friends. Now, Steve's celebrating the release of *Gumbo Dreams*, a collection of thirteen original vocal tracks. Like the previous instrumental album, this project began in 2000 when Steve began getting serious once again about songwriting. Calling this collection of songs his "little paintings," it represents a culmination of 30 years of playing many different styles of music. Like a true gumbo pot, Steve started with a base of country-folk, adding blues and jazz, funky roots, and some hot Creole for spice, hence the name *Gumbo Dreams*. Bed tracks were recorded over two years at the Angel Inn whenever pals Eric Mahar and Dave Norris dropped in to jam. In between these dates Steve's band members and guests added their layers or "ingredients to the gumbo." All songs were recorded and mixed the old-fashioned way, without the use of computer-aided editing, pitch correction, or automation. *Gumbo Dreams* sits at number 17 in this week's CIUT-FM top 30 and is currently played on CBC and worldwide Internet radio. Get a taste of *Gumbo Dreams* with Steve Goldberger, this **Friday** and **Saturday** at the **Angel Inn** in Niagara on the Lake. And cheer loudly, 'cause you never know when the recorder might be rolling.

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