

Steve Spurgin



"Some folks are born to stay at home — some are born to wander with their collar to the wind" ("Collar to the Wind" © Bum's Rush Music, Steve Spurgin)

Steve's musical career has covered miles and years, garnered awards, produced original songs that stand the test of time and earned a reputation that spans a large portion of the globe. Born and raised in Texas, he took influences from a rural heritage and the early folk music days and began weaving a tapestry that is varied and impressive. Along the way he has become friends and shared the stage with legendary contemporaries such as Steve Gillette, Mason Williams, Byron Berline, Chris Hillman and many others.

He spent a portion of his career in the Nashville country scene as a staff writer for The Welk Music Group, penning songs for the publishing companies of Gene Watson and Reba McEntire. That association produced major country market hit songs and a BMI Writers Award. However, the drive to write and sing songs from

AWARDS

BMI Songwriter Award

*IBMA Instrumental Group of the Year
(3 times, with California)*

*New Folk Winner
Kerrville Folk Festival*

the heart compelled him to launch a solo approach to his music. As a result, he has become a singer/songwriter that has never failed to stand out in his chosen genre of Americana-styled country/folk.

On stage, it always seems as if Steve's audience has been invited to sit down, relax and listen as if they were in their own living room — regardless of the size of the venue. They are treated to songs that have depth, relevance, wit, nostalgia and sincerity. There is nothing phony here. It is the real thing. It takes only a few moments to realize that his time on stage will be something to remember. That is the way Steve wants it.

REVIEW QUOTES

"...nothing less than remarkable."

DIRTY LINEN

"...Spurgin is master of the art of the word"

FRESH DIRT

"Spurgin isn't just good, he's stellar."

AMERICANA MUSIC REVIEWS, ROCKZILLAWORLD

"Every piece is a true gem."

BLUEGRASS UNLIMITED

"Music has the power to alter a person's perception of life around them. The greatest moments I have personally spent have always seemed to involve music. As with any art form, it has the ability to hit your soul in unexpected ways, and every emotion possible can be brought to the surface by a song. There is something that is wonderfully healing about simply combining words and musical notes. My desire has always been to write and perform a song that will touch someone's heart in one way or another."

In a world that seems far too occupied with flipping through and discarding whatever the current fads may be, it is a testament to the music of Steve Spurgin that it continues to endure — certain to be here when the rest of us are gone. His music is one of the reasons that the word "timeless" was created.

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DISCOGRAPHY

Distant Faces
Tumbleweed Town
Now They Are Four (with Berline/Crary/Hickman)
California Traveler (with California)
Sawmill Road One
Sawmill Road Two — Fire On The Kettle
Fiddle And A Song (with Byron Berline, Grammy nominated project)
Fiddler's Dream (with Sundance)
Old Glory

**MAJOR
FESTIVALS**
(solo and ensemble)

Tönder Fest — Denmark
Beverly Folk Festival — England
Vancouver Folk Festival — Canada
North Wales Bluegrass Festival — Wales
Grindewald Country Festival — Switzerland
Grey Fox — New York
Merlefest — North Carolina
Walnut Valley Festival — Kansas
The Huck Finn Jubilee — California
Strawberry Music Festival — California
Grass Valley Festival — California
Summergrass — California
Wintergrass — Washington
Oklahoma's International Bluegrass Festival — Oklahoma
The American Music Shop — Tennessee
IBMA Fan Fest — Tennessee
RockyGrass — Colorado
Telluride Music Festival — Colorado
Kerrville Folk Festival — Texas
The Alaska State Fair — Alaska
...plus many more

**INTERNATIONAL
TOURS**

Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales,
Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Italy, France, Holland, Belgium,
Switzerland, Austria, New Zealand, Tonga, Marshall Islands,
Solomon Islands, Fiji, Western Samoa, New Guinea

**INSTRUCTOR
CAMPS**

South Plains College — Texas
RockyGrass Academy — Colorado
Walnut Valley Festival — Kansas
American River Music Camp — California
Sorrento Music Camp — Canada
...plus numerous festival song-writing workshops throughout the U.S.

HBO *"Deadwood" Seasons 1 & 2* — two episodes on camera, as well as sound cues, working one on one with creator/producer David Milch