

# STEVE GOLDBERGER - BIO

Since the early 1970s, Steve Goldberger has been a bandleader, songwriter, and freelance bass player and vocalist. He has received several musical awards, including 1975 Genie Award for Best Original Score with Black Creek; Blues Band of the Year in 2008 and 2009 and Entertainer of the Year in 2010 at the Niagara Music Awards with the Niagara Rhythm Section; and Producer, Songwriter, and Country Artist of the Year in 2015 at the Niagara Music Awards for his album Cosmic Cowboy. Currently, Steve enjoys playing in his various bands and recording music in his own recording studio, the Shed Studio. He lives in Toronto a few days a week, and the rest of the time in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, with his wife, Dory, and their two dogs, Spike and Sadie.

After surviving open heart surgery in 1997, Steve released his first indi CD in 2000 and has since released 12 self-produced full-length albums.

In 2025 he released **IN A LIFE**, his memoir along with a new music album.

Steve Goldberger has been a working musician and recording artist for fifty-plus years. In his book *In a Life: A Memoir Peppared with Stories of a Lucky Life in Music and Bum Ticker Adventures*, Steve shares his personal stories from being in a country rock and bluegrass band called Black Creek in the 1970s and '80s to playing and working with all kinds of roots-style musicians, both Canadian and international, in the Toronto and Niagara region. He also reflects on his Jewish roots and recounts his experiences working in his family's business and coping with several health issues. Scattered throughout his stories are those from some of his musician friends, including such Canadian award-winning and successful musicians as Bernie LaBarge, Graham Lear, Wendell Ferguson, Jim Casson, Penner MacKay, and so on. Steve was even blogging before blogging was a thing. Back in 1998, after being diagnosed with an enlarged aorta that needed to be replaced, he started the blog *The Bum Ticker* to chronicle his experience with open-heart surgery, receiving responses from people all over the world. Some of the blog's humorous and scary excerpts are included in this book. Music, friendships, dogs, love, sadness, death, humour, joy, and philosophical outlooks—*In a Life* has it all.



## 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 Toronto's 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.
- 2025: Publish his memoir *IN A LIFE* and the companion music album and continues his freelance work with Niagara artists, Mike Lynch, Marty Hopkins, Brandon Agnew, Jim Casson, Steve Grisbrook, Maja Bannerman, Rusty McCarthy, Djino LeFrancois and more....