

Steve Snelling

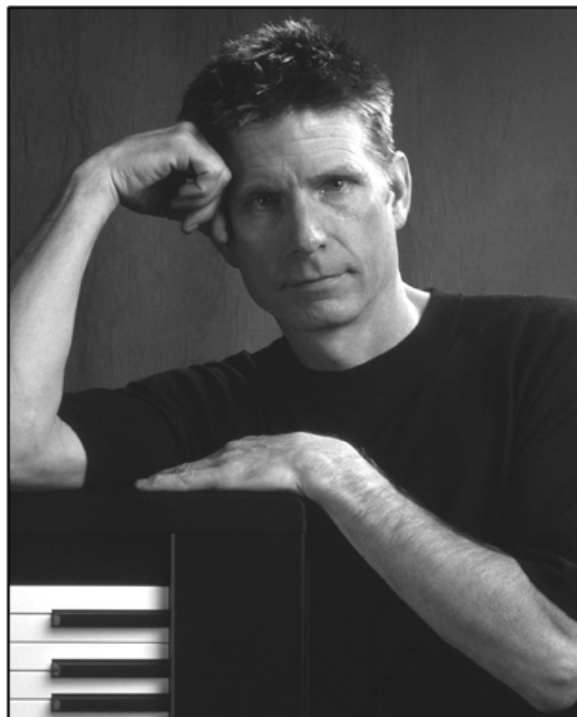
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Biographical Information - Onepage

Steve Snelling started playing piano at the age of three, and performs in virtually every style of Western music – from classical, rock, country, klezmer, reggae, choral and jazz, be-bop to pop. He is often referred to as “as great jazz pianist with an amazing ‘pop’ sensibility,” an observation borne out on his first full-length album, *Perfect Strangers*.

An Oregon native, Steve made the San Juan Mountains his home, living and studying in the Colorado Rockies after earning a Master’s degree in Classical Piano Performance from the University of Northern Colorado. His surprising breadth of musical experience comes from what he describes as, “about a zillion bands, from psychedelic garage to full-on symphonic mayhem.” He has performed with such jazz luminaries as Larry Coryell, Clark Terry, Sonny Stitt, Bud Shank, Lenny White and John Faddis; and with other artists as diverse as Molly Brown, Annie Marie Moss, the Platters, Billy Tolles and Guitar Shorty. As a soloist or with his own groups he has shared the stage with artists ranging from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Junior Brown to Terence Blanchard.



Not content to share his musical gifts only from the stage, Steve is an enthusiastic teacher, and is the author of *The Road to Aqaba – Practice Strategies for the Jazz Pianist*, published through his own Dharmajazz Music. He currently has about twenty private students, ranging in age and levels from seven-year old beginners, to adult professionals.

Steve is also the creative director and producer of the Rico Peace Garden, an annual gathering of poets, musicians, dancers, artists and healers who meet in the San Juan Mountains of Southern Colorado to share ideas and practices for cultivating peace. The Rico Peace Garden is a 501(c)3 organization in its sixth year of operation.

Steve currently lives in San Francisco, playing and teaching throughout the Bay area.

Schedule information and samples of Steve’s music are available at www.stevesnelling.com.