

# Steve Ronsen

*The Maps*



A man with short brown hair and sunglasses is sitting on a large, dark rock in a wooded area. He is wearing a dark tank top, blue jeans, and black sneakers. The background shows trees and a sky with some clouds, suggesting a sunset or dusk setting. The word "Biography" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

# Biography

**STEVE RONSEN'S** musical beginnings started in the emergency room where the doctor was asked to sing to a young nervous mother to be...well, he did...and so born into music and a musical family.

**Guitar and piano** filled the air throughout the house. It wasn't long till Steve started banging out songs on the piano, then switching to guitar and then drums at an early age. He listened to music constantly and started singing the hit songs he heard on the radio before he even knew what the words meant.

**Performing** with different people and different bands and "experimenting with many styles has been an interesting journey" bringing him to where he and his music are today. Although admiring many performers such as Elton John, Billy Joel, Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, James Taylor, Zeppelin, John Mayer, Sheryl Crow, Train, Rob Thomas, Robin Ford to name a few.... his guitar sounds and unique vocals are all his own.

**In Steve's words:** *"I love the full band behind me, but my songs originate from a pure point of view, acoustically. I try to put some kind of message into every song, good or bad. Sometimes hidden so when you listen again you might say 'oh, I didn't see that, kinda like a good novel. So the song evolves as you listen, or different people get a different meaning according to their point of view."*

**"Steve Ronsen is very versatile ....singer, musician, songwriter, musical director...and the list goes on."**

**"Steve's raspy, soulful voice and intuitive music give the listener a trip through people, places and hope they might not have been to before."**

**"Steve Ronsen's songs paint a picture...sometimes emotional, sometimes uplifting, always thoughtful."**

**"This guy doesn't fool around. Guitarist Steve Ronsen is without question, a rising talent with lightning reflexes and the unusual combination of dexterity and feel."**

**"Steve Ronsen shows a great depth of natural ability on several instruments. In fact he can handle everything from live drums to keyboard work with the same verve and inventiveness of his highly-praised guitar playing."**

Musical director of many bands and has won many awards which opened new doors bringing him to much bigger stages with top artists.

**Charlie Daniels Band, the Marshall Tucker Band, Delbert McClinton, Asleep at the Wheel, Chris Cagle, Gary Allen, Dierks Bentley, Kathy Mattea, Steve Wariner, Brian White, Jessica Andrews, Suzy Boggus, The Kinleys, Stephanie Bentley, Victoria Shawto name a few as well as performing Songwriter Showcases with Beth Neilsen Chapman, Hugh Prestwood, Steve Sesskin, Richard, Bach, John Berry...**

**"Humor, a connection with his audiences and commercial sensibility make Steve Ronsen an exciting prospect in the music industry."**

# Awards and Appearances

- **Musical Director** of Eddie Money's musical "Two Tickets to Paradise". Also helping Eddie promote his show by appearing on network TV and radio stations.
- **Winner** – Music Excellence Award for Outstanding Act - Musician Exchange Magazine
  - **Winner** – Good Times Magazine Music Festival Competition
    - **Winner** – Best Act - The Voice Readers Poll
    - **Winner** – Denim and Diamonds Playoff Talent Showcase
      - **Winner** – Best Act – L.I. Music Awards
  - **Nominated** for a PBS Award for writing and producing WLIW SPOT
  - **Featured** on ABC's Good Morning America in a live performance
    - **Winner**- Stephen Talkhouse Competition
    - **1st Runner up**- National All American Superstar Competition
  - **Best Independent Song of the Year** by the Internet Music Association 'Just Plain Folks'
    - **L.I. MUSIC HALL OF FAME WITH EDDIE MONEY**

## Commercials include

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## Movies and Television

Steven Spielberg's "On the Lot", MTV, CMT, FOX, ABC, USA, Discover, Style, WE, TNT, WB. Shows like Tyra Bank's CW's 'America's Next Top Model' MTV and MTV2 shows 'CRIBS', 'Parental Control', 'Double Shot at Love', 'Exposed', 'Next' and Rob and Big Top 20 Insider Countdown, CMA AWARDS coverage shows, also 'Can You Duet', 'My Big Redneck Wedding', Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders: Making the Team The Ultimate Coyote Ugly Countdown, Gator 911, The show "Secret Lives of Women" on the 'WE (WOMEN'S) NETWORK, ABC's soap opera " ONE LIFE TO LIVE", The movie "Moving McAllister" starring Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite & Blades of Glory) Mila Kunis(That 70's Show & Family Guy) Rutger Hauer (Batman Begins & Blade Runner) written by and starring Ben Gourley CW KIDS 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles', 'YU-GI-OH!', 'Dinosaur King', 'Chaotic', 'Viva Dinata' DISCOVERY Channel's 'FACTORY MADE' SPIKE Network's 'MANswers' STYLE Network's 'HOT GUYS WHO COOK', TNT's 'ALIAS'

