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## Roger Paul Peterson

### PREACHER'S KID: ACCESS TO PIANO, PIPE ORGAN

Growing up as a preacher's kid in the small farming community of Dayton, Iowa, **Roger Paul Peterson** had ready access to piano and pipe organ at church. He spent thousands of hours playing those instruments — everything from frisky rock 'n roll to resounding church hymns. Now with 16 years of classical piano training and decades performing in live bands as a multi-keyboardist in schools, churches, colleges, bars, ballrooms and concerts,

**Roger plays with passion and precision.** As a musical composer and recording artist, he uses up to ten acoustic and electronic keyboards, including midi access to more than 1,000 different instruments and sounds when recording. One of **Roger's** remarkable recording skills is creating "chiptunes" — *stunningly realistic* computer-generated musical instruments and sounds — then programming his MacBook Pro to play those sounds into his recording software.

### MUSICAL INFLUENCES

**Roger's music** is shaped by his classical training, coupled with the 1970s-80s decades of pop rock radio music, coupled yet again with the 1990s-to-date influence of Christian radio music and church worship music. Music influencers include:

- German composers *J.S. Bach* and *George Frideric Handel* ("The Messiah")
- African American *Scott Joplin* (ragtime)
- British multi-keyboardist *Keith Emerson*
- Christian worship musician *Michael W. Smith*.

**Roger's styles** range from honky-tonk/ragtime piano to electro-techno synth, from pipe organ to country rock, and from progressive symphonic rock to secular, sacred, pop and worship.

### IOWA ROCK 'N ROLL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Along with the three other members of his first rock band "Mourning Glory," **Roger** was inducted into the *Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame* (2016).

### OFFICIAL DOVE AWARD SUBMISSION

In 2021, **Roger's** record company *MC1 Nashville* successfully submitted "MIGHTY Your Deeds" for a Dove Award; the submission cleared the first round of voting.

### OTHER NOTABLES

**Roger** has performed with:

- **Kenny Rogers** (1999)
- Apple Records/USA Manager for "The Beatles" **Ken Mansfield** (2011)
- Christian recording artist **Diana Pierce** (1997–2000)
- Christian recording artist **Steve Green** (2019)
- Christian recording artist **Dick Tunney** (2019, 2020).

### NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE

**Roger** was a passenger on TWA Flight 841 in April 1979, which went out of control at 39,000 feet, making two complete barrel rolls and plunging over 35,000 feet in an accelerated nose-dive before making a miraculous recovery 44 seconds later.

### TELEVISION APPEARANCES

**Roger** has appeared four times on NBC/CBS network television regarding TWA Flight 841, including the Tom Synder *Tomorrow Show* in April 1979 and the CBS Reports' 1983 Peabody Award-winning investigative documentary "*The Plane That Fell From the Sky*", in which **Roger** and other actual passengers and crew portray themselves while re-enacting this true-life, death-defying story. Here's the link to that documentary: *Roger Peterson appears in "[The Plane That Fell From The Sky](#)".*

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**Roger** is also a licensed minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, CEO of the Christian missions nonprofit *STEM Int'l (STEMPress)*, Board Member & Officer for the *PF Foundation*, Board Member for *Tnt Ware* and a multi-published author, including co-authoring "*Maximum Impact Short-Term Missions.*" He holds a B.A. in *Organizational Leadership* (Bethel University—2009), a Mini MBA for *Nonprofit Organizations* (University of St. Thomas—2010) and an M.A. in *Intercultural Leadership* (Bethany Global University—2013). **Roger** and his wife *Melanie* live near Orlando, Florida, and have two college-age children: *Rachel* and *Matthew*.