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Years Of

Greg & Steve™



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Look back: Born in 1947, Steve Millang and Greg Scelsa, Newport Beach, California, kids became high school buddies. Two teenagers strumming guitars and loving Rock & Roll. Making music in their plans! Where else? They moved to Los Angeles with hopes of joining bands, which they did, but they needed more money to pay the rent and eat.

They got jobs as Special Ed Assistants working with kids with special needs, including autism. Of course, they incorporated their guitars and songs in the school days, and were surprised and delighted at the enthusiastic response from the children. Word traveled around the area, and soon they were invited to many surrounding schools and programs.

For seven years, the old friends twanged their fun rhythms and songs in classrooms with kids of all ages. They sang old familiar songs with their beloved R and R energy and many new songs, mostly created by Greg with consultation from Steve!



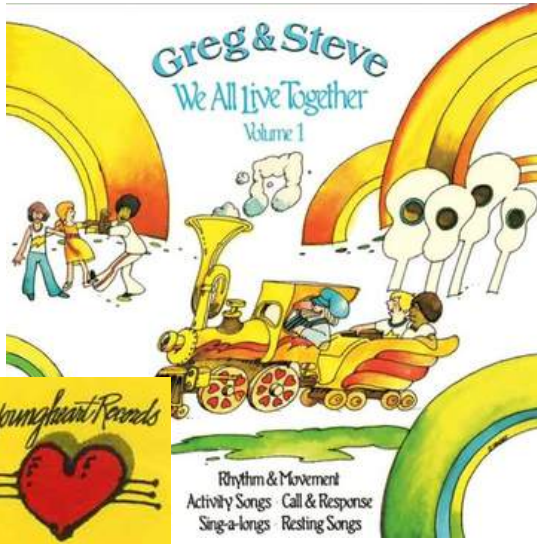
Greg & Steve: The Early Days



In 1975, they found NAEYC, the National Association for Education of Young Children, and attended the huge annual conference, bringing their songs and guitars to hundreds of early childhood professionals. Greg and Steve were born, bursting onto the music scene like fireworks! What hit Greg & Steve the deepest was being with thousands of people who truly cared about the children.



Greg & Steve: Performing at naeyc

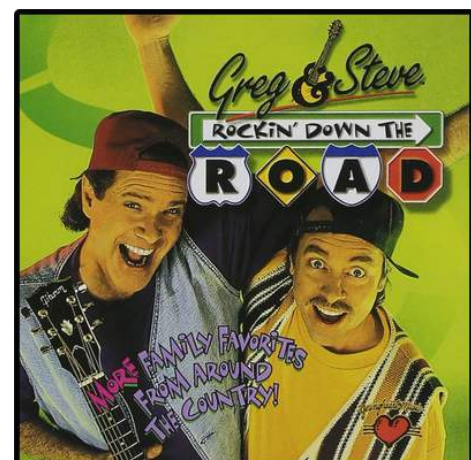
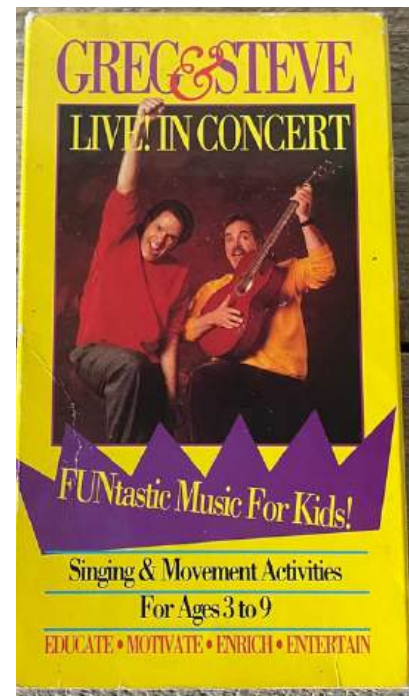


Inspired by the warm and joyful response to their music and lively, fun-filled performances, they formed Youngheart Music and recorded their songs.

Fast forward: We could fill pages reporting the facts of Greg & Steve's journey through the years of music-making for children- such as twenty best selling albums, traveling to every state and Canada and Japan, nominated for Emmy's , nine Parents' Choice Awards, declared the "best selling children's music duo in the United States", Carnegie Hall., Disney Channel, Nickelodeon and more and more.

But honoring these impressive statistics are deeper observations and feelings that are even more important for this 50th anniversary - the countless responses to their gifts. Rosa Millang, their manager of forty-five years, observed: "They generally care about how the children feel when they're listening and dancing. They watch the children react. They want to reach every child and bring joy."

Play their music, participate in their concerts, and you will experience the excitement of parents, teachers, and children coming alive! Greg & Steve described their 'works' as follows: "Each song we do has an educational skew to it- from motor skills to social awareness."



“Our Motto Is: Educate, Motivate, Enrich and Entertain!”

Children marked their feelings about Greg and Steve with this list: cheerful, fun, playful, exuberant, lively, gleeful, positive, rousing!

Today, if you call them, they are probably busy trying to organize free concerts for children whose homes were the victims of the horrendous California fires. And don't be surprised to see them scheduling concerts for months and years ahead.



Greg and Steve, 50 Fabulous Years! Onward!

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Greg & Steve with Ella Jenkins



Greg & Steve at the Grammy Awards

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Mimi with Greg & Steve at the Ohio Early Childhood Conference