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Summary

"...I have worked with Stephen and found him to be open, teachable, creative, and refreshingly honest...a tremendous asset to a ministry that values the arts and longs to use them to communicate God's truth."

Chip Ingram

President

Living on the Edge Ministry
Atlanta, GA.

"...His talent, caring and integrity have instilled in his choirs and players a loyalty which music directors dream. ... in my 40 years in professional music as conductor, musical director (movies, radio, Carol Channing and others), performer and arranger I have worked with the best. Stephen is one of the best."

Kim Venaas

Conductor

California Pops Orchestra
Palo Alto, CA.

"His unique way of leading people into the presence of God through his ability to guide worship through music ministry is a gift that will make room for itself and allow Stephen Gregory the opportunity to affect music ministry at the church leadership level and to be a role model for other ministers of music."

Lanny Wolfe

Grammy Nominated Composer
Dove Award Recipient
Houston, TX.

Experienced Worship Leader / Media and Creative Arts pastor with proven spiritual acumen in all aspects of worship: ethos, music, media, technology and venue.

Committed to creating passionate and meaningful worship experiences.

Expertise in leading multifaceted ministry with proven success in advancing church goals and growth.

Worship Philosophy

Worship is an outward expression of an inward relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a lifestyle that is demonstrated daily as we serve Him. While excellence is sought in our musical, theatrical and technical offerings, worship is not about performing. Our worship must be genuine and authentic in order to lead the congregation corporately into the presence of God as well as, personally touch the lives of those in our community.

Qualifications

Over twenty years of full-time ministry experience
Produced seasonal events with over 30,000 in attendance
Experienced keyboardist, arranger, composer, and conductor
Natural team builder - Committed team player
Visionary with attention to details
Excellent people skills
Able to move people toward a common goal
Self-motivated - Proactive - Innovating - Organized
Functions effectively under pressure
Tech and Media Saavy
Finale, Final Cut Pro, Logic Pro, Protools, Planning Center,
ProPresenter, Multi Tracking, Ableton Live, Word Press.

Accomplishments

“Despite his tremendous gifting Stephen is not a performer, not the center of attention, but genuinely seeks to facilitate worship for the

congregation as participants. Stephen exhibited a keen sense for what would facilitate worship most effectively in our setting in his selection of different styles of music and at the same time worked closely and loyally with me in the overall leadership of the church in worship.”

Dr. Steven Miller

Senior Pastor
Simpson Board of Trustees
Murietta, CA.

“Stephen's leadership skills and creative energies are tempered by a love for people and a concern for the morale and well-being of the worship team so that the “Production” of worship is not inconsistent with the process of getting there. As the senior pastor here I've appreciated Stephen's input as we have reflected together and shaped worship but I've also been grateful for his commitment to discern and support the vision of worship and ministry that our leadership articulates.”

Dr. Steven Harrington

Senior Pastor
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Sunnyvale, CA.

“I have observed Stephen to be creative, productive and responsive. He has consistently demonstrated high character. He has the ability to function well under pressure. He leads from a deep personal experience, the overflow of his heart.”

Dr. Rick Linamen

Executive Pastor
Venture Christian Church
San Jose, CA.

Performance at the **1984 Worlds Fair** New Orleans, LA.
Produced live events with over **30,000** in attendance
Worship Leader for the 1999
CMA World Conference in Portland, OR.
Produced "Live" worship recording project entitled
"Jubilus Novas" (A New Expression of Joy)
Guest Artist at the **The Brooklyn Tabernacle**
Produced **TBN Broadcast Special and Recording Project**
Triumph Church, Nederland, TX.
Led **multi-cultural congregations** with over **33 nationalities**
Wrote and produced the theme song for the **National Youth**
Division of the UPCI entitled **"Worth the Wait"**
Created, arranged and published an **Orchestration Series** for
small church orchestras entitled **"Resounding Praise"**.
Organized and directed the 100-voice
"Golden Triangle Youth Choir"
Assisted and mentored under the world renowned gospel
music composer **Lanny Wolfe**
Conducted full orchestras with members of the
Seattle Symphony accompanying
Arranger of brass, string and rhythm charts for
professional recording artists
Served as **Music Instructor** teaching music theory, orchestra,
and piano at the **Jackson College of Ministries**
Clinician and **Artist** at the
National Music Ministries Conference
Worship Producer and **Consultant**
Received the **Lanny Wolfe Achievement Award** for
excellence in music ministry

Education

Seattle Pacific University - Seattle, Washington

1994 - 1994 Finale Certification

Lamar University - Beaumont, TX.

1992 - 1993 Piano Major

Mississippi College - Clinton, Mississippi

1990 - 1991 Music Composition

Jackson College of Ministries - Jackson, Mississippi

1986 - 1990 Bachelor of Arts (Music/Theology)

Ball State University - Muncie, IN.

1985 - 1986 Music Composition

Experience

“Dear Pastor Stephen, Thank you for leading an effective team. As a result, praise God for the names of over 3,000 people receiving Christ as their Savior!”

Rev. Ken Foreman

Senior Pastor
Cathedral of Faith
San Jose, CA.

“He is very diplomatic in the way he works with people, and they very willingly follow his lead. He is transparent, humble, and warm in his relationships with people. He sets his preferences aside to follow whatever those in administration ask, which you know, is a very great asset. What I believe is Stephen's greatest asset, however, is his ability to lift congregations to the highest level of interactive worship. He can inspire the congregation to express exuberant praise or heart-rendering confession and submission to God. Of all the directors with which I've been acquainted in my lifetime, Stephen is the very best in maturing the audience in the worship experience.”

Don Luna

Retired Elder
Venture Christian
Church San Jose, CA.

“Stephen has had the undivided attention, respect, and love of all of those he has worked with. I personally have been a musician for 20 years and have made a living playing music for 9 years. I truly believe in Stephen's ministry, leadership, and ability as world class. Our friendship and his outreach have made a difference in my life. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless me with it...”

James Bergstrom

Professional Rock Drummer
Alice in Chains / Second Coming
Port Orchard, WA.

Worship, Media, Arts and Production Consultant

Home Base - Arlington, TX.

02/2014 - Current

Worship Leader for various churches as needed.
Commuting weekly both locally and nationally.
Churches served include (but not limited to):
Mill Valley Fellowship - Farmer's Branch, TX.
Gateway Community Church - Wylie, TX.
First Christian Church - Amarillo, TX.
First Baptist Church - Bonham, TX.
Trinity U.M.C. Arlington - Arlington, TX.
Southland Community Church - Greenwood, IN.

Board Member Music Industry Advisory Committee

Harrisburg Community College - Harrisburg, P.A.

06/2012 - 07/2014

Director of Worship, Media and Creative Arts

West Shore E.V. Free - Mechanicsburg, P.A.

06/2010 - 07/2014

Worship Leader
Direct oversight of all Worship, Media & Technical ministries.
Produced Easter and Christmas productions with record attendance.
Produced conferences, seasonal events as well as worship venues.
Directed and Produced fully animated hybrid Christmas production.
Implemented essential audio upgrade of sanctuary sound system.

Contemporary Music Director

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church - Sunnyvale C.A.

06/2003 - 06/2010

Worship Leader.
Organized and directed Sunday evening worship experience.
Increased Sunday evening service attendance.
Relocated service to new venue to accommodate growth.
Recruited and trained audio engineers and media technicians.

Associate Pastor - Worship, Media and Creative Arts

Venture Christian Church - Los Gatos, CA.

06/2006 - 10/2009

Founding pastor of Worship responsible for leading the merging of two congregations, creating new (combined) worship experience and traditions.
Guided 5 million dollar stage renovation and media upgrades. Organized 4 weekly worship services in two venues.
Design and Build on site Digital Studio.
Worship Leader Japan Tour.

"I have been a member of Trinity U.M.C. serving on the church board in various capacities for 27 years. In his time at Trinity, our enthusiasm grew as Stephen's energy is contagious. Our attendance grew as well and some who had left our service, were returning. We miss Stephen tremendously."

Courtney Harvey

V.P. Mid South Region
Briggs Equipment
Dallas, TX.

"He revitalized congregational participation. I admired how many people he was able to involve and how they were used in just the right way. A high level of quality was maintained with a high level of inclusion and service."

Ted Kummert

V.P. Microsoft
French Hornist
Seattle, WA.

"I have never felt more support, compassion and kindness from an employer as I have from Stephen Gregory who has mentored me and allowed me to grow as a vocalist. He has encouraged me and pushed me to explore new creative freedoms in trying to reach deeper levels of worship and I am forever grateful for that experience."

Ben Dixon

Professional Vocalist
Venture Christian Church
Los Gatos, CA.

Associate Pastor - Media and Creative Arts

The Cathedral of Faith - San Jose, CA.

07/2001 - 06/2006

Lead worshipper, Band Director
Television, lighting, audio, special effects, props, staging and blocking.
Produced Easter musical event with over 30,000 in attendance.
Launched 5th weekend worship service.
Managed departmental payrolls.

Associate Pastor - Worship and Creative Arts

Woodinville Alliance Church - Woodinville, WA.

01/1998 - 07/2001

Worship Leader for the C.M.A. world conference in Portland Oregon.
Conceptualized and produced the "Christmas Dessert Theatre".
Designed and built on sight digital recording studio.
Produced Live Choral CD Project.
Led Worship Tour to Russia.
Saw congregational growth over 300%.

Associate Pastor - Worship and Creative Arts

Westgate Chapel - Edmonds, WA.

09/1995 - 10/1997

Worship Leader, Pastor and Producer.
Planned, Produced and Provided worship experience to accommodate large and diverse congregation consisting of over 33 nationalities.
Contracted, conducted and arranged for orchestras consisting of volunteers, students from the university of Washington and the Seattle Symphony.
Organized and directed Youth Choir tours with 100 members ministering across the country and internationally.
Designed/built state of the art Recording Studio.

References Available Upon Request