

SCHIZOID

JOHNNY

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Biography

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Incorporated La Jolla California, June 25, 1955 and raised AllenHills Wisconsin - He started trombone at age nine; guitar and drums at age eleven. He performed in the high school concert, marching, pep and jazz bands winning countless awards. While still in grade school he performed and recorded with studio trombonist MARK MCDUNN; started college music classes while still in high school; played professionally with his own rock band by the time he was fourteen; and performed in bars across the Midwest.

He studied music at the University of Wisconsin. He studied and performed with CLARK TERRY, played trombone in the soundtrack for the movie THE BLACK EARTH; and was the lead guitarist in a production of GODSPELL. For his senior recital he composed, produced, performed and recorded an original rock oratorio entitled, FAUSTUS, complete with rock band, vocalists, choir, and string orchestra. He received a Bachelor of Music - Education Degree in 1977.

John has given his leadership to twenty-eight different rock bands. His group NIGHT FLIGHT, records and performs across the midwest then travelled on tour to Japan and performed in Kyoto:

During 1981, John toured with THE SWEET LIPS THEATER COMPANY. Under the direction of DENNIS SUTLIFF, he was a founding member of the troupe. In a totally non-musical endeavor, Mr. Steinhardt proved his dramatic prowess in the one act play, EPIPHANY by JOHN CARLINO. rave reviews written by Linda Cross go on to say, "Compelling...exciting theatre...was excellent ...totally immersed...a very believable character...a very fine job with a very demanding role...!"

For the next twentytwo years, Schizoid Johnny, as a full time musician, entertained audiences across the United States, Canada, Germany, Egypt, Greenland, Japan, Okinawa and Korea.

He was selected by the Department of Defense for three overseas tours, and was given four Certificates of Esteem. He performed JIMI HENDRIX's, STAR SPANGLED BANNER on both the East German Border and the DMZ at Panmunjon, North Korea.

JOEL KLEINMANN, the manager of THE KNACK, said of Johnny's overseas shows: " A superb musician...a consummate performer...a unique artist...it astounds me that a solo act can contain more music than practically all other groups I've worked with!"

Johnny was the house entertainer at Big Sky Ski Resort in Montana; Wilson World in Orlando Florida; Bear Valley Ski Lodge in California; the Holbrooke Hotel in Grass Valley, California; The Polaris Lounge in Nome Alaska; the Truck Inn, Reno Nevada; and the Backdoor Lounge in Stockton California.

He was the featured show for the Montana Tavern Association Banquet; performed at the 25th Annual Iditarod in Nome Alaska; was a regular on the Chelsea Street Pub Circuit; and performed at THE IMPROV in Reno Nevada.

John's musicianship backed THE DAVID PROUD BAND; which entertained on the PRINCESS CRUISE LINE Ship June 2000.

His album entitled, **THE DREAM MAY BE DEAD AND GONE** was rated an 8 on a scale of ten by **GIG MAGAZINE**, and received airplay on college radio in California. He was at that time a regular at **BOUNCE'S BLUES BAR** in San Francisco.

He appeared on three samplers from Caprice International Records from which he was discovered by rock and roll hall of fame, **JOEY WELZ**, from **BILL HALEY'S COMETS**. Mr. Welz said: *"...he is a very wise ...very creative artist!"*

His album, **THE PROMISED LAND**, released by Caprice International Records, and was an Independent Record Winner, by **BILLBOARD MAGAZINE**. It received airplay on Independent Radio, including the Environmental Art Radio Network and radio in Europe.

In 1993 he was selected and performed at the **NEW WORLD SHOWCASE CONVENTION** in New Orleans; Louisiana; where he played all original music:

John appeared on the television program, **RISING STARS OF THE NORTHWEST**, in 1994, broadcast in Seattle Washington.

SCHIZOID JOHNNY performs on **LIVEWIRE**, MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY in 1996. Host **ROB KOHLER** describes his original music as; *"It's a little bit like looking at a VINCENT VAN GOGH painting on a postcard, in black and white."*

Schizoid Johnny then went on to perform at the 1996 **SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST MUSIC CONVENTION** in Austin Texas, playing for **MIDEM**, the delegation from Europe.

John's album **I'M TAKING A VACATION FROM MY PROBLEMS** was released in Jan. 1998; and was played on local, college and public radio with the cuts **SIX NUNS IN A VOLKSWAGEN** and **I GOT NO CONTROL!** receiving airplay.

He returned to Seattle in 1998, for another television appearance on the show, **RISING STARS OF THE NORTHWEST**.

He has opened for; **ROY ROGERS**, **HEAD EAST**, **THE PAT TRAVERS BAND**, **TOMMY TUTONE**, **ROB HANNA**, **SHORTSTUFF**, and **THE NEW COLONY SIX**.

By 2000, John had accumulated 4,624 Professional Career Performances.

2000: John pauses his twentytwo years of touring and composes, records and rehearses his new show and album, **SAMADHI**, which combines the genres of Singer-Songwriter/ Progressive Rock/ and Performance Art.

The first unveiling of **SAMADHI** is performed Jan. 2001 at **THE GUALALA ARTS CENTER**, Gualala CA. where director Karel Metcalf says, *"Outstanding concert! Such versatility!a wonderful talent!"*

May 2001: John Steinhardt is honored and awarded **OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO MUSIC EDUCATION**, by the Point Arena Boosters Club in Point Arena CA.

July 2001: Mr. Steinhardt is honored and awarded commendation for **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**, by the **ROTARY CLUB** of Gualala CA.

Sept. 2002 found John on **106X LIVE RADIO**, Redding CA., where host **DON BURTON** said; *"....just a little bit different, and I really like that.....out there, in a good way! Very cool stuff! It's really a trip! You'll be very impressed!"*

Schizoid returned for an encore appearance on **106X RADIO** with **DON BURTON** in March 2003: **SAMADHI** is reviewed by **RECORD SEARCHLIGHT**, Redding CA. Dec. 2003, and **JIM DYAR** writes; *" There's no shortage of interesting and experimental sounds on the record....Steinhardt's attempt to etch out something unique is certainly respectable."*

BILL WENCE from **BILL WENCE PROMOTIONS** in Nashville TN. promoted **SAMADHI** on National airplay in 2004. Mr. Wence says; *"...good stuff there! We had a great time working SAMADHI, the latest album by Schizoid Johnny. Response was very good at the non-commercial Album Adult Alternative (AAA) stations around the country. We picked up close to 50 stations across the country in a four month period!"*

SAMADHI is heard on **107.3 FM**, Armdale Australia, and is broadcast across that continent.

SAMADHI is heard on **PROGRESSIVE ROCK RADIO** Philadelphia PA. in Dec. 2004

Schizoid Johnny's **SAMADHI CONCERT** is chosen by the prestigious **VICTORY GARDENS THEATER** in Chicago Illinois, winner of a **TONY AWARD** in 2002, and performs there Dec. 2004.