

STEVE HALL - SHORT BIO

Steve Hall is a veteran keyboard player who has performed on the West Coast for decades. He has played in restaurants, hotels, and bars with a wide variety of bands including **Willie Bobo's Latin Jazz Band**, the **Drifters**, **Tom Harrell**, and his own bands. He has released four CD's, one vinyl album and is releasing a fifth CD ("**Follow The Sunset**") in December, 2015. He grew up in Palo Alto, CA.

Steve attended the **Berklee College of Music** in Boston, MA. He studied guitar with Jack Peterson and Bill Leavitt and piano with Deal Earl while at Berklee. His time at Berklee was interrupted by a stint in the US Army that included a year in Vietnam. He moved to Los Angeles after graduating from Berklee. In Los Angeles he played with a variety of big bands (**Dee Barton**, **Dick Grove**, **Kim Richmond**, and others). He returned to the Bay Area in 1972 and started playing the Hammond organ.

Steve has been in Portland, OR since 1996. He plays organ with the **Adlai Alexander Trio** and the **Jonathan Smith Trio**. For ten years he led his own band **The Steve Hall Quintet**. The quintet released three CD's, all of which have garnered airplay in the US and overseas. He plays trumpet at local jam sessions and studies trumpet with David Bamonte of the Oregon Symphony. In 2015 he began playing trumpet with the Portland State University Concert Band. He produced and arranged two CD's by alto saxophonist **Bill Harris**. Both have received extensive radio airplay.

