



Steve Azar is a modern day renaissance man, hit songwriter, recording artist, music producer, golfer and philanthropist. Steve calls his own breed of music “Delta Soul,” a mixture of country, rock and blues.

His debut album *Waitin’ On Joe* was released in 2001. The title track went to #1 on CMT and featured academy award winning actor Morgan Freeman. From the same album the hit single “I Don’t Have To Be Me, Til Monday” received three Million-Air awards from BMI and is one of the top five most played songs of the past decade on country radio. Turn on the radio today and you’ll likely hear it.

Taylor Swift told people magazine in 2010 that her favourite song of the year was Steve Azar’s “Sunshine.” *Slide On Over Here*, featuring the hit single “Sunshine,” was spotlighted in Oprah’s *O Magazine* in her *Top Things to Buy At Christmas* edition in 2011. “Sunshine” was also featured in *US Weekly Magazine* in June 2012 as one of the most popular celebrity wedding songs.

Steve has written and recorded songs for film as well as had the role of music supervisor. “Doin’ It Right” (Delta Mix) off of the latest release *Delta Soul Volume One*, was the feature track for Sony Pictures 2013 movie *Here Comes The Boom* starring Kevin James and Salma Hayek. As a songwriter, Reba McEntire among many others have cut his songs.

In 2007, Azar was personally chosen by Bob Seger to perform 46 shows on what was rated the #1 Tour in America by *Pollstar Magazine*.

An accomplished golfer, Steve has been ranked one of the top five musicians that play golf by *Golf Digest Magazine* for the past 5 years. He is a frequent guest at charity golf tournaments across the country. In 2006, Steve and his wife Gwen started the *Steve Azar St. Cecilia Foundation*, and annually host

the *Delta Soul Celebrity Golf & Charity Event*. Over the last three years, the event has channeled over \$500,000 to many worthwhile Mississippi causes. Steve has raised an additional \$350,000 + for charitable causes through the auctioning of songs. These songs are written for the highest bidder's charity of choice.

Steve has been honoured with "Steve Azar day" in the states of Mississippi (on March 13th) and South Dakota (on August 10th). He is the co-founder of *Ride Records* and in 2013 co-founded the *Mighty Mississippi Music Festival*, dubbed "A Southern Gem" by the *American Blues Scene* magazine and included in *Acoustic Guitar* magazine's 2014 Roadside Americana: 50 States 50 Must-Attend Events. With a strong interest in mentorship and giving back to the Delta, Steve enjoys being artist in residence at the Delta Music Institute, part of Delta State University.

The Delta man, Steve Azar is the brand ambassador and public image for The Fat Trout, a fantastic new Scotch Whiskey.

Steve wrote "Fly," the official song for the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Vail. His performance at the opening ceremonies reached an audience of one billion households. "Fly" was also used as the feature song for Sony Pictures movie: Paul Blart Mall Cop 2 starring actor Kevin James.

In late 2015 Steve became the Spokesperson for Certified AG Business Program and his song, the American farmer, became the official anthem for the program. He started a weekly cooking segment on ThreadMB, an e-zine that combines Mom Bloggers and Celebrities sharing their inspiring charitable endeavours. The blog reaches millions of readers each month and allows Steve to have fun in the kitchen while promoting the farm to fork lifestyle.

Governor Paul R. LePage has requested that all the Governors in the United States use Steve's latest song, "The Sky is Falling," as a way to spread awareness about the serious issue of human trafficking in America.

In April of 2016 Steve became the first artist to record a full length studio album at the legendary Mississippi landmark, Club Ebony. A long time in the making, and his first record in 5 years, Steve cut 13 new original tracks. The

club, now belonging to the BB King Museum, was turned into a recording studio capturing the rich history and vibe of the room and in turn inspiring incredible performances on the recording. The album was made with the participation of The Kings Men, a group of musicians who backed BB King, Elvis Presley and other musical Kings. The combination of Steve's Delta songwriting approach and the band's musical background has created a unique and soulful sound that audiences will be hearing in the later part of 2016. This is a true Delta Soul record.

Steve & The Kings Men will be making their live debut headlining this year's BB King Homecoming Festival. The new record will be accompanied by a full length feature documentary combining the making of the record with the musical trajectory of The Kings Men and the historic musical influence of the Mississippi Delta on the world music scene.

Steve is an in demand keynote speaker. His keynotes highlight the importance of giving back and that it is never too soon to start. From the sports world to the world of entertainment, Steve has had success and has also had his share of trials and tribulations, his speeches are packed with the lessons learned.

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