

Who is Steve Amerson?

The answer depends on whom you ask.

In the Hollywood entertainment community, Steve is a sought-after session singer who has been heard on the soundtracks of numerous major motion pictures, television shows and commercials. He was also one of three tenors chosen to record demonstration tapes used by Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras in preparation for “The 3 Tenors” performances, and has performed with orchestras throughout the United States.

He has been a featured soloist at the Hollywood Bowl and Carnegie Hall. With a thriving concert career in churches and concert halls from coast to coast and 19 albums to his credit, Steve is well-known as one of Inspirational music’s signature voices. And finally, far from the studios and the spotlights, he is a husband and father to the most important of all “audiences” in his life: Kristine, his wife of 40 years, and their two adult children and their families.

With all of this varied activity he has been called *America’s Tenor*.

Steve’s Work in Los Angeles

Steve’s role as one of the top session singers in the Hollywood music scene includes vocal contributions to such classic motion picture soundtracks as *La La Land*, *Star Wars: Rogue One*, *Bridge of Spies*, *Star Trek: Into Darkness*, *Despicable Me 2*, *Get Smart*, *Evan Almighty*, *Meet the Robinsons*, *Fantastic Four*, *Matrix Revolutions*, *Matrix Reloaded*, *King Kong*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, *The Patriot*, *Glory*, *The Hunt for Red October* and *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast*, among numerous others. He regularly participates in recording sessions for music used on television and his commercial work features vocals for McDonalds, Diet Coke, Delta Airlines, Honda, Gatorade and Nintendo among many others.

In addition, Steve has recorded background vocals for albums including Barbra Streisand’s *Christmas Memories*, Celine Dion’s *These Are Special Times*, and Harry Connick, Jr.’s *When My Heart Finds Christmas*. Steve contributed supporting vocals recorded in advance for Celine Dion’s performance of God Bless America, which aired on the multi-network simulcast telethon, *America: A Tribute to Heroes*, and benefited the families of victims of 9/11’s terrorist attacks.

Many in Hollywood who hire Steve for his vocal skill do not realize that he also has a music ministry, so he makes sure to bring to his work a high standard of performance, motivated by his faith.

“I hope people know, when I walk into a studio on time, that I come prepared to do my job well,” says Steve. “I try to live constantly in God’s grace so I’m not shifting in and out of who God has called me to be. My prayer is that people see in my professionalism, and also in my attitude and spirit, true peace and a sense of joy.

“I think that can speak volumes.”

Steve's Concert Ministry

Even with his busy schedule of calls for studio work in Hollywood, Steve is equally devoted to his own music ministry of 30 years. With 19 albums to his credit, he approaches his music with the primary goal of delivering a message of God's love and grace regardless of the setting.

"I received a compliment from my pastor and his wife," recalls Steve. "They told me, 'Steve, it seems like every song you sing is really a sermon.' It was very nice to hear that, and at the same time it has caused me to carefully evaluate the songs I record and sing. The comment stays on my mind throughout the selection of songs for all of my recordings. The message a song delivers and the way it is written has always been a strong focus for me, but now I've become even more careful to weed out songs that don't measure up to the lyrical and musical challenge."

Known today as one of Inspirational Music's classic voices, he has been blessed with something rare for any artist—a thriving recording career coupled with the highest respect from his industry peers.

He has been a guest soloist for many special events including Billy Graham Crusades in the United States and Canada, the National Religious Broadcasters Convention, and countless events in the United States and abroad. On numerous occasions, Steve has ministered alongside well-known pastors and authors including Charles Swindoll, Jack Hayford, Ravi Zacharias and David Jeremiah. He also provides music for other ministry organizations including The American Bible Society, ALPHA, The Pocket Testament League, KARM and others.

In addition to his concert schedule, Steve travels to Washington, DC twice a month to lead in "Capitol Worship," a worship service in the United States Capitol for members of Congress and those who work on Capitol Hill.

"I spend my time on Capitol Hill walking the halls of Congress meeting and praying with members of the House, Senate and staff members," Steve explains. "Leading worship in the Capitol is such an honor. Filling the Rotunda with prayer and praise on Wednesday evenings is overwhelming, and these private times with our nation's leaders are humbling as I am able to lift them up in prayer."

Front Row Center

The breadth of Steve's musical repertoire allows him to step from the church platform to the concert stage using sacred, patriotic and Broadway selections. Oftentimes he will use inspiring songs from the Broadway stage and feature films with churches as outreach programs. His *Front Row Center* and *Front Row Center II* collections of songs with decidedly spiritual messages from productions and films like *Man of La Mancha*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *West Side Story*, *Les Miserables*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* — are used by churches to reach people who might not normally visit their church. "Again and again I've seen the spiritual impact of these songs from stage

and screen,” says Steve. “Afterwards, the audience leaves having enjoyed the entertainment and moved by God’s love. These songs are an evangelistic tool, and a unique way in which to minister.”

Steve Salutes the Troops

Steve is thrilled to sing for the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and Society for their events throughout the United States including the dedication of the Medal of Honor Museum onboard the USS Yorktown. In 2009 he was awarded the Bob Hope Excellence in Entertainment Award from the Medal of Honor Society.

Steve is often called upon to sing for events to support the United States Military including USO Metro, The Gary Sinise Foundation, Snowball Express and the American Airlines Sky Ball event. His collection of patriotic songs includes familiar favorites such as *The Star Spangled Banner*, *America the Beautiful*, *God Bless America*, *Shenandoah* and *God Bless the USA* as well as new classics *American Anthem*, *Above and Beyond*, *Because of the Brave*, *Blades of Grass & Pure White Stones*, *Spirit of America*, *Amazed by America* and *Fourth of July Parade*. Steve considers it an privilege to honor military families and those who serve or have served our nation.

From Saturday evening symphony halls to Sunday morning sanctuaries, Steve uses music to encourage and bring healing to a broken world. To learn more, go to www.steveamerson.com.