

Steven Van Zandt is a Musician, Performer, Songwriter, Arranger, Music Producer, Music Supervisor, TV Producer, Actor, Director, Broadway Producer, TV and Film Composer, Live Event Producer, International DJ, Activist, Historian, Teacher, member of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and is recognized internationally as one of the world's foremost authorities on both Contemporary and Traditional Rock and Roll.

After helping create the "Jersey Shore" sound with the Asbury Jukes he became a founding member of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band, and went on to become a successful solo artist in his own right recording and performing solo with his band Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul. In 2017 he released his first new album in over 15 years returning to his Rhythm and Blues roots entitled "Soulfire" which Rolling Stone named one of its "Best Albums of 2017." He has recently released "Soulfire LIVE!" a 3 disc CD box set, a 7 Vinyl box set, and 2 disc Blu-Ray recorded live during the "Soulfire Tour," his first solo tour in over 20 years. This May Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul will release "Summer of Sorcery" his first album of all original material in 20 years.

His songs have been performed by artists such as Jackson Browne, Pearl Jam, Jimmy Cliff, Damian Marley, Margo Price, Gary U.S. Bonds, Darlene Love, Nancy Sinatra, Brian Setzer, Black Uhuru, and more.

Steven Co-Produced the seminal Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band albums "The River", and "Born in the U.S.A." He has also produced albums for Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, Gary U.S. Bonds, Ronnie Spector, Demolition 23, Majek Fashek, and more. He Arranged and Produced "Introducing Darlene Love", the critically acclaimed album for the legendary Darlene Love, star of the Oscar winning documentary "Twenty Feet From Stardom".

In 1985, Van Zandt formed Artists United Against Apartheid and wrote "Sun City," a song featuring over 50 major recording artists protesting the Apartheid system and considered by many political experts to be one of the fatal blows to Apartheid, leading to Nelson Mandela being freed only a few years later. He has twice been honored by the United Nations for his political activism, including the "Sun City" project and film, and his involvement in "International Peace Day" along with Peter Gabriel. He also established the Solidarity Foundation to promote the sovereignty of indigenous peoples and to foster economic development in harmony with the earth.

Steven Co-Starred in all seven seasons of the Sopranos, playing principle character "Silvio Dante," a character that he created. He Starred in, Co-Wrote, Executive Produced, provided the music supervision and scoring, and Directed (the final episode) for the award winning series "Lilyhammer", which was the FIRST original programming for Netflix.

In 2001 he launched "Little Steven's Underground Garage", his internationally syndicated radio show and the most successful syndicated Rock music radio show in the past 40 years. Steven also created and produces the first two channels of original content on SiriusXM Satellite Radio, the Underground Garage (Channel 21) and Outlaw Country (Channel 60). In 2006 he launched his record label, Wicked Cool Records, to further support new Rock and Roll.

In 2018 Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul went back on the road with their "Soulfire Teacher Solidarity Tour." The landmark live tour benefited The Rock and Roll Forever Foundation's TeachRock program and reached the incredible goal of registering over 18,000 teachers (and counting) to use the TeachRock Music History Curriculum.

Established by Dr. Van Zandt (he gave the commencement speech to the Class of 2017 and received an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from Rutgers University), the Foundation creates education materials that use the history of popular music to create engaging, multicultural lesson plans for history, social

studies, language arts, music, and science classrooms, all of which are available to educators at NO COST.

It marked the first-ever Rock tour specifically geared towards addressing this crucial societal need. At each stop of the tour, The Rock and Roll Forever Foundation is hosting FREE TeachRock Professional Development Workshops, with educators and a guest who attend also receiving a complimentary ticket to that evening's concert.

**“Music will forever be humanity’s most effective and consistent source of inspiration and motivation, and, we have learned, music turns out to be our most solid common ground for establishing communication between teachers and students which is where education begins.” - Stevie Van Zandt**