

STEVE VAI

Mini-Bio!

While many artists fit easily into a single category, Steve Vai remains unclassifiable. He is a musical alchemist of the highest order. Throughout the years, Vai has awed fans of all genres with his exceptional guitar skills and musicianship. He boasts career sales of over 15 million records, three GRAMMY Award wins, and 15 GRAMMY Award nominations. He's toured the world as a solo artist, as a member of G3, and with Frank Zappa and bands such as Alcatrazz, The David Lee Roth Band, and Whitesnake. As an accomplished audio producer, Vai has written, produced, and engineered all of his solo albums, released via Favored Nations, his own independent record label that has released over 70 albums by legendary musicians such as Tommy Emmanuel, Steve Lukather, Eric Johnson, Billy Sheehan, Larry Carlton and many more. For Vai, virtuosity and versatility are not mutually exclusive. He has created music for blockbuster films, bestselling video games, national sports franchises, and corporate brand initiatives. His career accomplishments have earned him honorary doctorates from Berklee College of Music and Musicians Institute. Vai released his 16th solo album — the critically acclaimed *The Story of Light* — in 2012 and the epic accompanying three-year tour spanned 253 engagements (including shows, concerts with various orchestras, & master classes) in 52 countries. Having recently signed a multi-recording agreement with SONY/Legacy, Vai's most recent release is the 2-CD/2-DVD set, *Stillness In Motion - Vai Live in L.A.*, which was released internationally in April 2015. A 25th Anniversary edition release of Vai's landmark album, *Passion and Warfare*, including new music, and an accompanying world tour is planned for 2016.

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