



# profile

## Steve Rudolph

JAZZ MUSICIAN

Not only is the jazz pianist, between national and international tours, a fixture at the Hilton Harrisburg's Raspberries Restaurant and Outdoor Grill as well as many other venues throughout the region, but Steve Rudolph's also a founder of the thriving Central Pennsylvania Friends of Jazz. An Indiana native, he's lived here since 1978.

**Q. What do you like best about Central PA?**  
The easy pace and openness of the people. I was expecting an edgy East Coast feeling, but the energy here has a more Midwest tempo.

**Q. What does jazz do for you that no other music can?**

When playing jazz, the artist is truly living "in the moment," improvising by drawing on years of training and reacting to the sounds that you hear around you.

**Q. What's your proudest accomplishment?**  
Being able to survive as a professional jazz musician and having the respect of my peers.

**Q. What dreams have you yet to fulfill?**  
I guess the dream of playing with Miles passed when he did, so my second choice is to find more time for composing.

**Q. What piece of music do you play most often?**

"Happy Birthday."

**Q. What's the key to Central Pennsylvania Friends of Jazz's success?**

We always present top-quality music and have had a long history of great fans, members and loyal volunteers.

**Q. If you weren't a musician what would you be?**

(1) Financially secure, or (2) homeless. Seriously, although I was a determined musician from an early age, my additional interests were aeronautics and biology.

**Q. Whom do you most admire and why?**

My wife, Andrea, is the most open, kind and loving person I can imagine. I truly wish I could be more like her.

— STEVE KENNEDY

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