

Biography

Born in California, Chris spent several of his formative years in Europe where his father was stationed, and where he first developed an appreciation for history and the arts. After taking up orchestral instruments, guitar, and voice, while in Italy, he later entered a music degree program at the local J.C. in Sonoma County, California. Upon transferring to Sonoma State University he studied arranging under Walt Oster.

Chris developed an interest in recording and production during his senior year at SSU, when he, along with a friend and fellow band member at that time, built an analog-based commercial recording studio, tying it into his senior project teaching a class in recording engineering. This class was the first of its kind at SSU- a forerunner to the course later offered in the curriculum.

*In 2005, determined to further his understanding of songwriting, Chris began studying with platinum songwriter/teacher, Harriet Schock. He completed his debut release, *Rockin' at the Stoplight*, in 2007, with help from producer and engineer, Travis Allen Childress. The record was pronounced "a journey through blues, classic R&B, rock, and world styles, bound by clever and spiritually enlightened lyrics". *Music Connection* magazine wrote of the title track, "...a familiar blues rocker that benefits from confident performances, a beefy arrangement, and good production."*

*Chris went on to complete a five-track EP titled, *Same Dirt*, released November, '09. Calling on Jeanie Cunningham to co-produce and Stephen Marsh for mastering, the recording mixes acoustic and electric styles with progressive, thought-provoking lyrics. This EP was inspired by the title track, "Same Dirt", and dedicated to the idea of seeking out and cultivating common ground.*

*Now residing back in picturesque Sonoma County, Chris has teamed up with a great group of seasoned local musicians to do live shows and record new songs for a third release that has just been completed, called *Duck and ReCover*. A six-song, seven track CD that will be released soon.*