

## FREDDIE STEADY KRC BIOGRAPHY



There are good reasons why **Freddie Steady Krc** has a Lifetime Achievement Award from Texas Academy of Music, a Texas Tornado Award from Buddy Magazine, and is in the Texas Music Hall of Fame. And his rich musical history all comes together in his **Freddie Steady's Wild Country** project, a setting in which the music of his many incarnations all comes together.

This singer / songwriter / guitarist / drummer / renaissance Texan has plied his musical wares around the world the past few decades. A charismatic live performer, Krc wins over any audience with his captivating original songs and engaging stage presence. He also enjoys capturing the spirit of his favorite cover songs. Krc (rhymes with search) landed in Austin at the moment that a musical revolution was getting started at a styles-don't-matter joint called the Armadillo.

By the time he hit town, he was also passionate about the Tex-Mex mix of the Sir Douglas Quintet (his first concert), the psychedelic sounds of rock innovators the 13th Floor Elevators, and the soulful folk of singer/songwriters like B. W. Stevenson and Jerry Jeff Walker. Freddie Steady would eventually work as a band member with each of these artists, all while developing his own musical ideas.

Session drumming includes studio work with everyone from the Sir Douglas Quintet's Augie Meyers to Carole King, Pink Floyd's Roger Waters to The Faces' Ronnie Lane. Freddie's greatest stage memories include performing for Presidents Clinton and Ford, drumming gigs with Big Brother and the Holding Company and with legendary San Francisco's Charlatans at Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He'll never forget performing with Jerry Jeff at Willie Nelson's 1985 Picnic when Neil Young joined in for a set. His dozens of credits as a record producer include Peter Lewis of Moby Grape, Sal Valentino of The Beau Brummels, and Al Staehely of Spirit. Among his published original songs are one featured in the film, *Purpose*, and another that serves as the theme for television music series, *All You Can Eat Texas Music Café*.

With his power pop trio, **The Explosives**, Freddie Steady set his drums right up front next to his band mates. In 2005, The Explosives helped bring Texas legend Roky Erickson out of retirement, serving as his band for several years, just as they had years earlier. **Roky and the Explosives** enjoyed great success with the release of the Halloween on Freddie's own SteadyBoy Records label.

Krc took front and center on the guitar with his Western folk rock outfit, **The Shakin' Apostles**, his rock and roll band **The Freddie Steady 5**, and with his country band, **Freddie Steady's Wild Country**. It captured what we now call Americana even before the term existed. And that's why he has revived **Wild Country** as the perfect catch-all setting for his wide-ranging gumbo of Texas musical sounds. **Whether playing electric or acoustic, large hall or house concert, Freddie's always rocking, always steady.**

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