

## Chris Gage / Artist Bio

Chris Gage is a consummate musician, singing with strength and conviction and has a masterful command of guitar, piano and accordion. Originally from Pierre, South Dakota, Chris was the founding member of the still beloved 1970's Midwest country swing band, Red Willow Band.

After releasing two albums with Red Willow Band, "Red Willow Band" and "Note For Note", he embarked on a lengthy stint as a sideman, moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma to play piano with Roy Clark for eight years, appearing on The Grand Ole Opry, The Tonight Show (Johnny Carson) and Hee Haw, as well as accompanying Clark on a 1988 tour of the Soviet Union.

Gage moved to Austin, Texas in the early 90's, and after an 18-month theme park stint as a musical director (Opryland's Fiesta Texas), became band leader for Jimmie Dale Gilmore (playing guitar and piano) for three years, with performances on The Tonight Show (Jay Leno), Conan O'Brien, and at such esteemed venues as Carnegie Hall and The Royal Albert Hall.

Gage teamed up with Austin songbird Christine Albert in 1996, creating the duo Albert and Gage, who have appeared in over a dozen countries and released 6 CDs. The husband and wife duo is active in the folk music scene and work tirelessly for Christine's non-profit Swan Songs that provides musical last wishes for the terminally ill. They run MoonHouse Records and MoonHouse Studio in Austin.

In 2011, the Academy of Texas Music proclaimed Mr. Gage "Musician of the Year". In 2016 the Red Willow Band was inducted into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and in 2017 Chris was given a lifetime achievement award by The South Dakota Friends of Traditional Music.

Chris plays keyboards in the house band for the Austin City Limits Hall of Fame specials that air on New Year's Eve accompanying the likes of Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, Rosanne Cash, Chris Isaak, Elvis Costello and Ry Cooder. He's a regular in Austin studios, recording with Marcia Ball, Gary Nicholson, Eliza Gilkyson, Ray Benson, Aaron Watson, Jerry Jeff Walker, Lloyd Maines and many others.

Gage engineers and produces the recordings of Albert and Gage as well as other artists, plays lead guitar with Texas legend Jerry Jeff Walker and for 24 years has hosted a popular Monday night hang at Donn's Depot in Austin, Texas.

Chris Gage is a "...songwriter, singer, dobro player, ace guitarist, keyboard player, mandolin picker, and a generally electric powerhouse with inspiration to spare." *Sweet Potato / Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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