

# Gregory Boyd

Professional  
Drummer/Percussionist/Steel Panist

## Danish Press Includes:

*, Ekstra Bladet, BT, Se og Hør, Billedbladet,*

*Lineout Magazine, Jyllands Posten, Djembe Magazine,*

*Metro Express, Aarhus Onsdag*

Steel drums"upside down"

*Are steeldrums forever doomed to produce a calypso feeling now and forever?  
Nope. American Gregory Boyd enforces a refreshing jazzy and funky feeling  
from the Caribbean instrument.....*

Mikkel Gottlieb... Lineout Magazine Denmark

*"Amerikansk Musiker sætter ild til olietønderne" (American musician sets fire to  
the steeldrums).....Metroxpress*

*"Funk med et strejf af Caraibien" (Funk with a little Caribbean.....Jyllandsposten  
Denmark*

*Gregory vandt sin udkårne på olietønder-efter årene i USA's flåde ( Gregory won  
the bride of his choice after his years in the US Navy).....Århus Onsdag*

## **International Press Quotes**

*"I love this guy! Okay, where do I begin? He's playing steel drum and singing-how many times do you see that? It is very innovative. His improvisation is really great! I love what he is doing! Singing with his instrument-I've never seen anyone do that. It's a whole new twist!"*

**Cassandra Wilson Blue Note Recording Artist Bet On Jazz Black Entertainment Television**

*"Gregory Boyd's sound comes from that place in heaven where peacock's get their feathers"*

**Butch Lacy Composer Pianist**

*"My word would be "originality." I thought he was also very original also as a lyricist. Those lyrics are very interesting. The way he was able to scat and play the pans simultaneously is incredible! And I like the quality of his voice. He has a very, very interesting vocal quality."*

**Bruce Lunvall, President Blue Note Records**

*"I like this guy. He's got a nice sound to him....a nice style. Whether you would call it Jazz or not-who cares. It sounds good! I don't think I've seen anything like this before-playing steel drums and singing at the same time. I like the originality!"*

**Shirlitta Colon Music Director, WJFK AM/FM**

*"I Liked it! It was upbeat that is the thing about Jazz it can take many forms. This kind of fusion with contemporary Jazz could be a new sound for the future!"*

**Bruce Walker SR. V.P. Motown Records Head Of A&R, MoJazz Records**

*"Gregory Boyd is a master of the steel drum..." Anthony Gozzo Rhythm and Music Magazine Vol, III, Number 10, 1994*

*Gregory Boyd and VOS are chosen as "Best Bets" for New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival*

**The Times Picayune New Orleans Daily Best Bets May 4, 1995**

*I had the pleasure of meeting Gregory Boyd, while taking part in TV2's All Stars show, which successfully ran for several months on Danish Television. I must say that it only took a very short time before I noticed that Gregory possessed many,*

*many other talents than the other 200 choir singers taking part in competing and performing on the All Stars TV show.*

*Week after week I witnessed in Gregory a true multi talented musician/singer that just kept surprising everyone. One day he is up there singing his ass off, delivering deep tones from a soulful voice, the next day he is showcasing his talent on steel drums, on once again a level that demands full attention. What can't this man do? Well maybe he's not the quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys. But Gregory Boyd is a world-class powerhouse performer that grabs your attention and keep you there, be it as a lead-singer or doing his magic on the steel-drums. I say don't miss this cat, he is going places.*

**Mike Tramp  
Rock Musician**

*“If I had to fall in love again it would be to your song “Keep Doing What You're Doing”*

## **Mud Morganfield son of Blues Legend Muddy Waters**

# **Resume**

## **Education**

U.S. Armed Forces School Of Music

### ***Private Instructors***

Master Steel Pannist Ellie Mannette- Steel Pans

Steve Ferraris percussion -Dartmouth College

Kenyatta Simon-Percussion

## **Clinics and Teaching**

University of Hattisburg Guest Clinician 2008

2006 Steel Pan and Funk Clinics with Soren Frost (Denmark)

Danish Royal Academy of Music-Funk Music of New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians 2003-present

Zildjian Day in Mississippi Guest Steel Drum Clinician 2000

Denmark Tour 2001 (Danish Rock Council, ROSA) national tour performances and steel pan clinics

## **\*Bands/Experience**

The Gregory Boyd Band

The Big Gumbo Show (US/EU)

Kim Menzer (Denmark)

Butch Lacy (US/EU)

Kluvers Big Band (Denmark)

Lasse Helner (EU)

Daryl Brown (US)(Rolling Stones, Daniel Lanois)

Lillian Boutte and The Spirit of New Orleans  
 Jazz Lips  
 Peter Bastian  
 Ashish Khan (Sarod Master of India East meets West Featuring Gregory Boyd)  
 U.S. Navy Steel Band  
 Charmaine Neville Band (Neville Family)  
 Gregory Boyd and VOS  
 Renverser Repertory Ballet (Music Director)  
 Charles Neville and Diversity (The Neville Brothers)  
 Cyril Neville and The Uptown All-stars (The Neville Brothers)  
 Cyril Neville and The Wild Tchoupitoulas Mardi Gras Indians  
 Michael Ray and the Cosmic Krewe (Kool and the Gang, Sun Ra)  
 Elise Monte Dance Company (NYC)  
 Ryirohiro Furusawa (Japan Tour 1998)  
 Jon Cleary and the Absolute Monster Gentlemen (Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal)  
 Indians Of The Nation (New Orleans)  
 Michael Pellerera (Astral Project US)

## **\*Recordings-**

2009 "TRANSFORMATION" Gregory Boyd  
 Lisa Westzynthus (performer singer) 2007  
 Family Affair (featuring USO)  
 Lone Boyd sings Kai Normann Anderson (co-producer, musician 2003)  
 Lasse Helner-Time and Again, (with Dr. John 2003)  
 \*The Gregory Boyd Band-Rich in A Troubled Time 2000  
 \*Erika Lockett July 2002-My Little Crime (Acoustic Guitar Magazine feature)  
 \*Michael Ray and The Cosmic Krewe- "Funk If I know"  
 (Featuring Delfaeyo Marsalis, Gregory Boyd , Jon Medeski, 'Medeski Martin and Wood')  
 Michael Ray and the Cosmic Krewe  
 \*Marvin Williams- (*featuring John Scofield and Gregory Boyd Steel Pans*)  
 \*Indians of The Nation (*Produced By and Featuring Donald Harrison Jr.*)  
 \*Michael Pellerera

## **Notable Opening Shows:**

\* Macy Gray (House Of Blues)  
 \* Bob Dylan (Gulf Coast Coliseum)  
 \* Jimmy Smith -*Hammond B3 Legend* (Austin Texas)  
 \* War (House Of Blues)  
 \* Victor Wooten  
 \* Roy Ayers  
 \* David Lindley  
 \* The Neville Brothers  
 \* Rhythm and Blues Legend Johnny Adams  
 Gloria Estefan  
 Blood Sweat and Tears

## **Notable Shows**

TV2 Allstars 2009  
 Denmark Radio Huset P2 Bolero show ending concert special guest performer

Denmarks Radio Huset 2006 pause signal concerts  
New Orleans relief Concert Vega Denmark EU (Headliner)  
Detroit Jazz festival 1998  
\*\*"All-Star Birthday Party Band" with legendary Jazz Fusion Bassist Paul Jackson (The Head Hunters)  
Gregory Boyd on Steel Pans at the Jirokichi Club, Tokyo Japan 1998  
\*BET Black Entertainment Television 1997-2000  
\*New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival Featured performer 1989-2001  
\*Lillian Boutte' "Spirit of Louisiana Tour" Germany 1992  
\*Newport Jazz Festival Madarau, Japan 1992  
Heimetklange Festival  
Cancun Jazz festival  
Copenhagen Jazz Festival  
Arhus Jazz Festival  
Ribe Jazz Festival  
Barbados Caribbean Jazz Festival  
Detroit Jazz festival 1998

### **Television and Media**

TV2 Denmark Allstars 2009  
Neger Magasinet TV2 Denmark (special guest Musician and Bandleader)  
Anna David Når Musikken Den Spiller (Video Performer)  
Snurre Snups søndagsklub

### **Career Goals:**

#### **Steel Pan**

To move the art form of pan into areas not approached and to give it to the people in the form and approach of any standard chordal instrument in diverse styles.

#### **Percussion**

To learn as many styles of percussion as possible and to apply them to a universal recording and live performance approach in keeping with the tradition of the origins of the instruments and to try new ways of approach.

#### **Drumset**

To perform on the instrument of drumset as musical percussion entity using complete expression and attention to every aspect of creating a complete musical presentation.

### **Gregory Boyd's Preferred Gear:**

**Percussion**

Congas:  
LP Congas 10" 12 " 14" and Bongos (standard)  
Various Cymbals Shakers,  
Tambourines, Cowbells and hand percussion.  
LP Conga and Bongo Heads  
Vater Sticks

**Steel Pans:**

**Double 2<sup>nd</sup> (F#-C# 3)**

.5 Gauge ---Mannette Pattern, Unchromed or (skirt chroming ok, no face chroming or bell chroming)

**Drum set**

Pearl

**Gregory Boyd Proudly Endorses  
VATER DRUMSTICKS MALLETS AND BRUSHES**

\*selected choices

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