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- Their 2010 single **The Stars Look Good Tonight** reached # 109 on the Triple A radio charts and it was featured during the June 29, 2010, WGN-TV (nationally syndicated) broadcast of the Chicago Cubs Major League Baseball game.
- Since 2001 **The Steepwater Band** has released 4 LP's, worked with producers Marc Ford (Ryan Bingham, Phantom Limb), and Sean Slade & Paul Kolderie (Uncle Tupelo, Radiohead).
- **The Steepwater Band** has had songs placed in Network Television Shows {My Name is Earl, Friday Night Lights- NBC, Deadliest Catch - Discovery Channel}, Major Motion Pictures: Invincible {Disney}, One for the Money {Lionsgate}, and a 3-year National TV ad campaign {Nissan}.
- **The Steepwater Band** has toured and shared the stage with notable artists: ZZ Top, Gov't Mule, Wilco, Buddy Guy, Drive-By Truckers, T-Model Ford, Bad Company, North Mississippi All-Stars, Marc Ford, Leon Russell, and Taj Mahal to name a few.
- Over the past 13 years **The Steepwater Band** has performed over 1,500 shows throughout the United States and Europe.
- Full bio and media available @ [www.steepwater.com](http://www.steepwater.com)



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Jeff Massey : The Vocals & The Guitar  
Joe Winters : The Drums  
Tod Bowers: The Bass

#### CLAVA Track List:

1. Remember The Taker
2. Vanishing Girl
3. Come On Down
4. Love Never Ends
5. Bury My Burden Deep
6. High and Humble
7. Won't Be Long For Now
8. Out On Love
9. Off The Rails
10. Meet Me In The Aftermath

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"With their latest offering, Clava, the group has stepped out from under their influences' shadow to claim their own sound." ~ Chicagoist.com

"With blaring rock n roll bravado (on *Live at the Double Door*), the trio fired a bullet directly into the heart...with ramble ready dynamic shifts, full-toned vocals and the makings of a band on the run."

~ Martin Halo | The Waster.com

"Even though it just has four tunes, "The Stars Look Good Tonight" singles features odd & sods of various recording projects. The disc has their finest sounding work I've had the pleasure of hearing."

~ Richard Milne | WXRT Radio, Chicago

"Every record is better than the former, and they always maintain an evolution within the American roots rock. For the moment we can only wonder when they will reach the top of their abilities. Marah and Drive-By Truckers have been dethroned. Everybody stand up to salute their new majesties: THE STEEPWATER BAND." ~ Santino | Solo-Rock.com

"Everything about GRACE AND MELODY has the feel of natural born rockers determined to get everyone's rocks off. Producer Marc Ford does clean, endlessly effective work here, bringing his years of experience with The Black Crowes and others...allowing individual elements to shine – a groin throbbing bass run, the blue water purr of electric slide." ~ Dennis Cook | Jambase.com

"Crackling with gritty energy and featuring strikingly direct lyrics, Grace And Melody demonstrates that Steepwater Band is a group with a considerable amount of depth and nuance...most notably the intriguing twin-guitar romp through the 13+ minute, "Waiting To Be Offended," which is vibrant yet clutter-free. Grace and Melody is certainly worth diving into." ~ Rob Turner | Hittin' The Note Magazine

"Jeff Massey's dirty sounding, masterful slide work reminded me of Exile On Main Street era Stones. The band's sound is firmly entrenched in the roots of the blues; however they also up the ante by throwing tinges of psychedelia and country into the mix and the sound is absolutely massive and in your face at all times."

~ Ryan Sparks | Classic Rock Revisited

"If Janis Joplin and Ronnie Van Zant were booking a band to play on a serene summer night and the Allman Brothers were unavailable, it would without question be The Steepwater Band."

~ Mack Rawden | Cinema Blend Music

"Not only do these longhairs know their Johnny Winter and their Johnnie Walker, they sure as shootin' dish it out in a nuclear hoedown of dirty fuzztone lead and slide guitar riffs."

~ Creem Magazine

"This band has traveled a long and winding musical road. From the Delta to the electrified blues of Chicago, across the Atlantic to the blues-inspired rock of the Stones, Zeppelin and Free before making their way back through the Texas roadhouses." ~ Bluesbunny.com

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Although *The Steepwater Band* got their start as devotees of delta blues, they have since been expanding on their musical influences taking on everything from psychedelia to Americana, and of course, hard-hitting rock and roll. Formed in Chicago in 1998, the band's signature sound is at once a nod to earlier rock n' blues combined with a raw and gusty musical approach. Band members Jeff Massey (guitar & vocals), Tod Bowers (bass) and Joe Winters (drums) have a synergy that comes from years of playing together. The rhythm section is taut and responsive; they flourish to create a perfect canvass. This sonic foundation laid by Bowers & Winters leaves the space for the guitars to soar and vocals to shine. Massey performs with a passion that can belie his virtuosity, while always being true the song at hand.

The band's infectious energy is equally evident in their live performances, as critics and fans hail their shows as forceful and intoxicating. It is their humble devotion to music, and a commitment to achieving their musical goals without compromising the integrity of their musical vision that make *The Steepwater Band* such a refreshing find. In 2010, the band released highly lauded live record entitled "Live at the Double Door" which contained tracks from their previous two LPs, "Revelation Sunday (2006)" and "Grace and Melody (2008)."

*The Steepwater Band* has maintained a grueling schedule throughout the last 10 years, averaging about 125 shows per year. They have toured and shared the stage with acts such as Gov't Mule, Buddy Guy, Wilco, Taj Mahal, Marc Ford, ZZ Top, T-Model Ford, North Mississippi All Stars, Leon Russell, Drive-By Truckers, Robert Randolph & the Family Band, Cheap Trick, Bad Company and Heart. In 2005, the band made its European debut, performing at the Azkena Rock Festival in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain. In the following years, the band has returned to the United Kingdom and Europe for multiple club and festival tours, increasing their loyal overseas fan-base.

"In a time when old-fashioned rock and roll is coming back in style, *The Steepwater Band* is a cut above the rest of the field." – Pop Culutre Press

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## Discography:

*CLAVA* ~ (LP) Diamond Day Records 2011  
*LIVE AT THE DOUBLE DOOR*~ (LP) Diamond Day Records 2010  
*THE STARS LOOK GOOD TONIGHT*~ (Single/EP) Diamond Day Records 2010  
*GRACE AND MELODY* ~ (LP) Diamond Day Records 2008  
*SONGS FROM THE 8TH DAY* ~ (Limited Edition EP) Diamond Day Records 2007  
*REVELATION SUNDAY* ~ (LP) Diamond Day Records 2006 / Evangeline Records (EU)  
*DHARMAKAYA* ~ (LP) Funzalo Records 2004 / Evangeline Records (EU)  
*BROTHER TO THE SNAKE* ~ (LP) Funzalo Records 2001 / Evangeline Records (EU)  
*LIVE!...HALF IN THE BAG* ~ (Limited Edition LP) Independent Release 2001  
*GOIN' BACK HOME* ~ (EP) Independent Release 1999

The Steepwater Band has had the privilege of sharing bills with many national -- and often legendary -- artists since 2000. Here's a partial list of those they have performed with :

*Gov't Mule ~ Wilco ~ ZZ Top ~ Drive-by Truckers ~ Robert Randolph ~ Leon Russel  
Queens of the Stone Age ~ Umphrey's McGee ~ Taj Mahal ~ Rich Robinson (of the Black Crowes) ~  
North Mississippi All-Stars ~ Leon Russell ~ .moe ~ T-Model Ford ~ Bad Company ~ John Mayhall  
Cheap Trick ~ Heart ~ Marc Ford ~ Blind Melon ~ Army of Anyone ~ Lynyrd Skynyrd  
Buddy Guy ~ Camper Van Beethoven ~ Bon Jovi ~ David Allan Coe ~ Savoy Brown  
Chris Duarte ~ Devon Allman's Honeytribe ~ Screamin' Cheetah Wheelies  
The Trews ~ Rick Richards (Georgia Satellites; Izzy Stradlin) ~ King's X ~ Arc Angels  
Kinsey Report ~ The Last Vegas ~ Robin Trower ~ Bernard Allison ~ Tesla  
Cracker ~ Fabulous Thunderbirds ~ Alvin Youngblood Hart ~ Hubert Sumlin  
Rose Hill Drive ~ Ian McLagan (of the Faces) ~ Pinetop Perkins ~ Tinsley Ellis  
The Doobie Brothers ~ The Redwalls ~ Tyla (of Dogs D'amour)*

## Television & Motion Picture Credentials and Performances:

- **One for the Money (Lionsgate):** "Collision" ~ 2012
- **Chicago Cubs Baseball (WGN Superstation):** "The Stars Look Good Tonight" ~ 2010
- **Deadliest Catch (Discovery Channel):** "Another Cold Letdown" ~ 2010
- **Friday Night Lights (NBC TV DVD):** "Revelation Sunday" ~ 2007
- **My Name is Earl (NBC TV):** "Dead Horse" & "Dirty Ol' Blues" ~ 2006 & 2007
- **Invincible (Disney Film):** "Autumn" ~ 2006
- **Nissan Motors (National Ad Campaign "Nissan Titan"):** "Black Cat's Path" ~ 2005-06
- **FOX -TV (Nashville, TN):** Morning News Live Performance ~ 2005
- **WGN -TV (Superstation):** Morning News Live Performance ~ 2004