

MARK STEELE

Writer / Director / Actor



Mark Steele is Founder and President of Mark Steele Creative in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He creates art for advertising and entertainment through the mediums of film, stage, animation, and the written word. Mark is also a well-known author, speaker, comedian, and film & stage writer/director.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Mark was born July 6, 1969 in Marietta, Georgia and grew up in a large family. He is married to Kaysie and has four children and two grandchildren. He graduated from ORU in 1991 with a degree in Drama, Television, and Film Telecommunications. He then spent the next seven years as a writer and director at Impact Productions. From 1999 to 2019, Mark co-owned Steelehouse Productions and acted as their Executive Creative. From 2009-2012, Mark also held

the position of Head Writer & Chief of Creative Affairs for Big Idea Entertainment where he wrote extensively for the hit show VeggieTales. From 2021-2023, Mark held the position of Executive Director of Intellectual Property at Knox Studios, where he launched multiple feature film, television, and podcast projects. In addition to running Mark Steele Creative, Mark is also currently Partner, Writer & Director at Prairie Surf Studios. Mark is most widely-known for his public speaking and his published books including Flashbang (2004), Half-Life / Die Already (2008), The Most Important Thing Happening (2013), and the forthcoming Everest & the Exceptions (2025).

CAREER

Mark has a long-standing history of stand-up comedy and performance in both stage and film as well as producing, directing, and writing film projects for both the corporate and artistic worlds for over thirty years. He speaks regularly at media and artistic conferences and events across America. From 2008 to 2011, Mark hosted the weekly Steelehouse Podcast, where he and co-host Jeff Huston discussed pop culture. Mark has been a regular contributor to Relevant Magazine and Collide Magazine and wrote extensively for VeggieTales in his four-year role as Chief of Creative Affairs for Big Idea Entertainment. He has created and produced media for clients as diverse as Walmart, Warner Brothers, Honda, Verizon, Sonic Drive-In, and QuikTrip.

PUBLICATIONS:

- * The Oracle: “Notes from the Middle of Nowhere” (88-91)
- * Real Magazine (96-97)
- * 7 Ball Magazine (99)
- * Eden Magazine (99)
- * Relevant Magazine (2005-2009)
- * Collide Magazine (2007-2010)

BOOKS:

- * Flashbang (Relevant Books) (2004) - August 2004 Borders Bookstore Original
Voices Selection
- * Half Life/Die Already (DCC) (2008)
- * Set Apart (Harrison House) (2009) – Primary Contributor
- * Christianish (DCC) (2009)
- * The Most Important Thing Happening (DCC) (2013)
- * Everest & the Exceptions (2025)

- * The Mark Steele Archive on Substack (2024)

GRAPHIC NOVEL:

- Rexodus (Dark Horse Comics) (2015)
- Producer, Story with Kevin Anderson, James Farr, Eric Lee, & Paul Wizikowski

LIVE EVENTS & TOURS:

- Acquire the Fire (Sketch & Video Writer): 1996-1998
Acquire the Fire (Video Producer, Video & Live Director, Sketch & Video Writer):
2000-2006
Full-length Theatrical Tours:
-The Bema (Writer & Director): 2000-2001
-N'Adequate (Writer, Director, Songwriter): 2000-2001
-Live the Difference (Writer, Director, Songwriter): 2002-2003
-(in)Vade (Writer, Director, Actor): 2002
-VeggieTales: Sing Yourself Silly! (Writer): 2011
-headStrong (Writer): 2013-2014
Stand Up! (Producer, Director, Sketch & Video Writer): 2000, 2001
Invasion (Producer, Director, Sketch & Video Writer): 2002, 2004
Masterpiece: A Toymaker's Dream (Co-Writer, Narrator): 1995
Damah Film Festival (Emcee): 2002-2004
Elevate Conference (Writer, Show Producer & Director, Emcee): 2004
Echo Conference (Emcee, Speaker): 2008-2009
Thrive Tour (Writer, Director, Multimedia Production)
Cross Culture Youth Ministry Summit (Speaker) 1998
Purpose Driven Children's Ministry Conference 2005 (Media Producer)
Inspire Conference 2001 (Producer, Writer, Director, Speaker)
Revolve (Writer, Multimedia Production) 2006-2008
Women of Faith Tour (Writer, Multimedia Production) 2005-2008
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (2002-2003)
Ignore Me Tour (Headline Comedian): 2000-2004
The George W. Bush Inaugural Gala (Comedian): 2000
Getting Smaller Tour (Headline Comedian): 1994-1998
Comic Belief Tour (Comedian): 1993-1994
Standing Room Only (Writer, Comedian): 1989-1995

COMEDY ALBUMS:

- * Getting Smaller (1993)
- * Ignore Me (2000)

PLAYWRIGHT:

- * "Panic in Suite 1612" (1989)
- * "Gazebo" (1989)
- * "The Very Last Sandwich in the Entire World" (1990)
- * "Fiction is Revolting" (1998)
- * "The Bema" (2000) *National Tour*
- * "Live the Difference" (2002) *National Tour*
- * "(in)VADE" (2002)
- * "Bethlehem, Pennsylvania" (2002-2003)
- * "Afterwards" (2025)

SCREENWRITER:

- "Resurrection" (1998) – with Andrea Jobe
- "Campo Santo" (1999) – with Andrea Jobe
- "Saint Kevin" (1997)
- "Original Screenplay" (2008)
- "The Snowdrifter" (2009)
- "Superbook: Roar" (2010)
- "VeggieTales: Abe & the Amazing Promise" (2009)
- "VeggieTales: Blunders in Boo-BooVille" (2009)
- "VeggieTales: The Story of St. Nicholas" (uncredited; 2009)
- "VeggieTales: Pistachio" (2010)
- "VeggieTales: Sweetpea Beauty" (2010)
- "VeggieTales: It's a Meaningful Life" (2010) – with Mike Nawrocki
- "VeggieTales: 'Twas the Night Before Easter" (2011) – with Mike Nawrocki
- "VeggieTales: Princess & the Popstar" (2011) – with Mike Nawrocki
- "VeggieTales: The Little Drummer Boy" (2011) – with Mike Nawrocki
- "VeggieTales: Robin Good" (2012) – with Mike Nawrocki
- "VeggieTales: The Penniless Princess" (2012) – with Mike Nawrocki
- "VeggieTales: The League of Incredible Vegetables" (2012) – with Mike Nawrocki
- "VeggieTales: The Little House That Stood" (2013) – with Cory Edwards & Eric Newman
- "Simon of Nazareth" (2017)
- "Radio City" (2020)
- "Stranglehold" (2021)

SHOW CREATOR:

- "Freak Beach" (PZAJ)
- PILOT: "Red Hairing" (2020)
- "Unconquerable: The Chickasaw Adventures" (Rose Rock/WB)

- PILOT: "Everything Means Something" (2020)
"Ashes" (Knox)
- PILOT: "The Remains" (2021)

DOCUMENTARY:

- "Destruction from the Skies"
PILOT: "Moore, Oklahoma – May 20, 2013" (2023)
- Co-Producer, Writer, Director

PODCASTS:

- "The Steelehouse Podcast" 120 Episodes (2008-2011)
- Producer, Writer, Host
- "Your Life Depends Upon It" 16 Episodes (2020-2021)
- Producer, Writer, Co-Host
- "Reinvent Yourself with Dr. Tara" 15 Episodes – Season 1 only (2022-2023)
- Producer, Writer, Co-Host
- "The Mark Steele Archive Podcast" 9 episodes (2024-ongoing)
- Producer, Writer, Host

VIRTUAL REALITY:

- "Rexodus: a VR Story Experience" (2016) - Writer
- "Phinnegan's Factory VR" (2017) - Writer
- "The Woody Guthrie Museum Dust Bowl VR Story Experience" (2018) - Producer, Writer, Director

KEY BUSINESS CLIENT PROJECTS:

- Walmart "Divide & Conquer" Corporate Vision - Director, Writer (2016)
- Walmart "Associate Ecosystem" Corporate Vision - Director, Writer (2017)
- Walmart "Empathy In Action VR" Training (2018) - Director, Writer
- Walmart "Empathy In Action VR II" Training (2019) - Producer, Director, Writer
- Verizon "Empathy VR" Training - Director, Writer (2019) - Producer, Director, Writer
- Honda "Cupid" Short Film - Co-Producer, Director, Writer
- Sonic Drive-In "SRI & SII National Gathering" Multimedia Producer, Director & Writer (2007-2008), Emcee, Songwriter (2008)
- QuikTrip "Quik at Nite: QuikTrip's 40th Anniversary" Program-length Video & Live Event - Co-Producer, Writer, Director, Actor (1997)
- HDSupply "Welcome Home" Corporate Vision - Director, Writer (2017)
- ORU "Change Your Mind, Change Your World" Recruitment Video - Producer, Writer, Director, Actor (1993)
- XOutdoors.com National Spokesperson, Lead Actor in ESPN Ad Campaign (1999)
- The Tube (Houston) "Cool Stuff Campaign" Lead Actor (1998)
- OERB "Lab Time with Leo" (2014-2018) Writer

TEACHING:

- * "Playwrighting (Collegiate)" - ORU (Adjunct Faculty) - 2021
- * "Writer's Workshop: Finding Your Ethos" Groups & Individuals
2010-present
- * "Actor's Workshop" - Nationally, 1992-1999

ACTOR (FILM):

Resurrection (1998) - Marcus

Ignore Me (2000) - Himself

Headjam (1999-2002) - Host

Carman Time2 (1992-1993) - Comedic Actor

- "Hello Robert"

- "Pressure Cooked"

Pahappahoey Island (TV Series: 2007-2009) - Captain Hobbes, Guiseppo, various characters

"The Road to Adventure"

"The Lost City"

"The Secret of the Book"

"Millard's Big Fish Story"

"Hide it in Your Heart"

"I'm Not Afraid of the Dark"

"The Good Island Samaritan"

"Bitter Tess"

"Super Millard"

"The Unmerciful Kitchen Croc"

"A Bunch of Hooey"

"The Banana Bowling Bonanza"

"A Pahappahoey Island Christmas"

"What About Me?"

"Hide it in Your Heart"

"Do It Afraid"

"Never Alone"

Going Up (2003)

Doug (2006) - Doug

Happily Never After (2003) - Big Bad Wolf

Split Passions (2002)

Boys & Grills (2007)

Boys & Groups (2008)

VeggieTales: The Adventures of Huckleberry Larry & Tomato Sawyer (2008)

VeggieTales: Sweetpea Beauty (2010) - Mirror

VeggieTales: It's a Meaningful Life (2010) - Announcer

VeggieTales: The League of Incredible Vegetables (2012) - Professor Flurry

WRITER / DIRECTOR (FILM):

“Looking for God” (1992) – Addy Award Winner (Best of Show)
“The Great Diversion” (1992)
“Friend” (1996) – Addy Award Winner
“Foreshadowing” (2003) – Damah Award Winner, Addy Award Winner
“Amazing” (2003) – Damah Award Winner
“Evidence” (2003)
“Happily Never After” (2003) – Damah Award Winner
“Cupid” (2003) – Addy Award Winner
“Superfan” (2006)
“Doug” (2006)
“The Word” (2006)
“Placebo” (2006)
“What If”: Pure NRG (2007)
“Footloose”: Pure NRG (2007)
“Finally Free”: Nichole Nordeman (2007)
“The Motions (Animated Version)” Matthew West (2009)
“Compromise” Hanson (2019)
“SuperJaded” Austin John Winkler (2021)
“Child at Heart” Hanson (2022)

PRODUCER:

- * “Going Up” (2003)
- * “Forever & Ever (etc.)” David Crowder Band (2007)
- Dove Award Nominee: "Best Music Video - Short Form"
- * “Pink Shorts” (2008)
- * “Penny & Me” (2024) HANSON

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:

“Pac-Man: The Movie (Fan Film)” (2012)
“Rexodus” (2015)
“Fast Feud” (2012)
“Steampuff” Episodes 1-7 (2012-2014) Also Co-Writer

SONGWRITER:

From “Getting Smaller” (1994):
 “(Your Love Makes Me) Violently Ill”
 Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Dav Steele

From “Ignore Me” (2000):
 “I Don’t Speak Spanish (Spanish Version)”
 Parody Lyrics by Mark Steele
 “When Norman Fell”

“Radio Single”
“Almost Barely Sort of Think I Love You”
“Ignore Me”
“Get Out of Here”

Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Dav Steele

From “N’Adequate” (2000):

“You Are In Love With Me”
Parody Lyrics by Mark Steele
“Drag Me Down”
“State of My Mind”
“Unidentified Love Object”
“Slap the Mouth (That Kisses You)”
“We Are N’Adequate”

Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Dav Steele

From “Live the Difference” (2002):

“Harsh”
“Invisible”
“Think”
“World of Difference”

Words & Music by Mark Steele

From “Bethlehem, Pennsylvania” (2003):

“Light That Guides You”

Words & Music by Mark Steele

From “VeggieTales: Abe & the Amazing Promise” (2009)

“Right Right Now!”
“Hum, Ding, Purr, Whee!”

Words and Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Henry Heinecke

“Willing to Wait” & Reprise

Words by Mark Steele & Mike Nawrocki, Music by Mark Steele

From “VeggieTales: The Story of St. Nicholas” (2009)

“Hope It’s Gonna Be a Happy Christmas”

Words and Music by Mark Steele

From “VeggieTales: Pistachio” (2010)

“Listen Little Children” & Reprise

“No Strings Attached”

“You & You Alone”

Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: Sweetpea Beauty" (2010)

"Fit For a Queen" & Reprise

"Best Friend"

"More Beautiful" & Reprise

"Banished"

"Ugly Hairy Plan"

"Action Scene!"

Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: It's a Meaningful Life" (2010)

"Cheers to Stewart / Cheers to Morty"

"Krunchy Munchy Dream / Squeeze Cheesy Dream"

"Oh Bumblebee"

"Stewart's Lament"

Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

"Precious Girl / Precious Child"

"Down These Tracks"

"Oh Christmas Me"

Words by Mark Steele & Mike Nawrocki

Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

"What We Have Learned (Jingle Version)"

Words by Brian K. Roberts, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: Bob & Larry Sing the 80's" (2010)

"Gourds Just Want to Have Fun"

"Girls Just Want to Have Fun" written by Robert Hazard

Parody Song Lyrics by Mike Nawrocki and Mark Steele

From "VeggieTales: Twas the Night Before Easter" (2011)

"Audition"

"Up With Bunnies"

Words by Mark Steele & Mike Nawrocki

Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

"When I Think About Easter" & Reprise

Words by Mark Steele & Mike Nawrocki

Music by Mike Nawrocki & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: Princess & the Popstar" (2011)

"Radio Sweetheart"

"Everything"

"Cheers of a Crowd"

"Right Where I Belong"

Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: The Little Drummer Boy" (2011)
"Treasure to Behold"
Words by Mark Steele & Mike Nawrocki
Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: Robin Good" (2012)
"Helping Ham"
"Ham I Am"
Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: The Penniless Princess" (2012)
"My Little Princess"
"Imagine With Me"
"Shine On"
"Oh Papa"
Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: The League of Incredible Vegetables" (2012)
"Freeze Freeze Freeze"
Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "VeggieTales: The Little House That Stood" (2013)
"Good Morning Mister Mayor"
Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele, Brian K. Roberts,
& Kurt Heinecke
"Lend a Little Hand"
Words by Mark Steele, Music by Mark Steele & Kurt Heinecke

From "Simon of Nazareth" (2017) All Songs Music & Lyrics by Mark Steele
"Son of a God"
"Invisible"
"Olives & Figs"
"Bond Between Us"
"One Question"
"Anything"
"Unfair"
"So Help Me God"
"How Did I Lose"
"Unfair / Son of a God (Reprise)"

From "Radio City" (2025) All Songs Music & Lyrics by Mark Steele
"I Need a Holiday (from You)"
"Alone In This Crowd"
"Times Square"
"Icicles Fall"
"Christmas in Manhattan"

“Back in Time for Christmas”
“Gotta Lotta Nerve”
“Song & Dance”
“Just Yes”
“When I See You Again”
“Snuggle”
“Radio City”
“Never Met a Man”
“Where You Belong”

From “Afterwards” (2025) All Songs Music & Lyrics by Mark Steele

“Afterwards”
“An Interjection from the Judges”
“Spectacle”
“Fordham, Fall of '95”
“Daniel's Advantage”
“Please Do Not Open the Door to Your Left”
“Blowdryer”
“Tongue In My Cheek”
“Pythagorean Theorem of Euclidean Geometry”
“Nominated”
“Shine Away”
“Monstrosity of Love”
“Dennis In Parking”
“Fine Up There”
"Three Short Summers and a Very Long Fall"
"Revelations"
"Write To My Voice"
"Remedy"
"Afterwards (Reprise)"