



Mark Stein **Composer - Original Music**

Mark Stein is the lead vocalist, keyboardist, composer, and arranger of Vanilla Fudge. Mark first founded Vanilla Fudge in 1966 at the age of 18. In the short time they were together the band enjoyed their first giant success with their first Atco album release self-entitled Vanilla Fudge.

The first album was a groundbreaking work since it was the first album to reach the top ten on Billboard's charts *without* a hit single. The legendary rock arrangement of ***You Keep Me Hangin' On*** became the bands first hit single nearly two years after the release of the first album.

During the 1960's the Fudge were one of rock's most exciting, high-energy touring bands, setting the stage for the likes of Jimmy Hendrix, Deep Purple, and even Led Zeppelin. Through a total of five albums and the tireless touring, the legendary Vanilla Fudge influenced artists around the world with their inspired performances and unique musical interpretations. Bands like Yes, The Who, Deep Purple, and many others have credited Vanilla Fudge with having a profound effect on their music, and the overall musical renaissance of the late '60s. The band's influence is still felt even today.

Over the years, Mark worked with Alice Cooper, Tommy Bolin, Dave Mason, and other rock legends. In 1983, Mark re-signed with Atlantic Records to do a Vanilla Fudge reunion album entitled *Mystery*, appearing once again as lead vocalist / keyboardist. In 1987 the Fudge did a three-month U.S. tour, and recorded a 'live' album "The Real Deal" during some of those dates. The band appeared at the Atlantic 40th Anniversary show May 14, 1988, at Madison Square Garden in New York. He released his solo CD entitled "White Magik" in tandem with the live Vanilla Fudge Live CD "The Real Deal."

On October 15, 2006, Mark & the Vanilla Fudge were inducted into the Long Island Music Hall of Fame by Felix Cavaliere for their contribution to music history. In 2007, Vanilla Fudge recorded a tribute to Led Zeppelin "Out Through The In Door" and he was featured on a PBS TV show, "The 60's My Generation."