



The Capitol Steps are a troupe of Congressional staffers-turned-comedians who travel the States satirizing the very people and places that once employed them. The Steps perform over 500 shows a year all over the country.

The Capitol Steps were born December, 1981 when 3 staffers for Senator Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Their first idea was to stage a nativity play, but in the whole Congress they couldn't find three wise men or a virgin! So, they decided to dig into the headlines of the day, and created song parodies & skits which conveyed a special brand of satirical humor that was as popular in Peoria as it was on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Ronald Reagan was President when the Steps began, so co-founders Elaina Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala figured that if entertainers could become politicians, then politicians could become entertainers! Since then, the steps have had over 4,500 performances in 48 states. The group now has 22 cast members, 5 of whom are on stage for any one show.

Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill, some for Democrats, some for Republicans, and others for politicians who firmly straddle the fence. No matter who holds office, there's never a shortage of material. Says Elaina Newport, "Typically, the Republicans goof up, and the Democrats party. Then the Democrats goof up and the Republicans party. That's what we call a two-party system."

Although the Capitol Steps are based in Washington, DC most of their shows are out-of-town or for out-of-town audiences. Whether it's the National Welding Supply Association, a University audience, high-schoolers, or State Legislators, people love to laugh at the foibles of Jerry Falwell ("Loonies of the Right") or even Bill Clinton's new office ("In the Ghetto") In fact the Capitol Steps have performed for the last five presidents (six if you include Hillary). The only complaints the Steps seem to get are from the politicians and personalities who are NOT included in the program!

The Capitol Steps are pleased to announce the release on April 15 of our latest album, **FOUR MORE YEARS IN THE BUSH LEAGUES - Songs of 2005**.

Our cast is accompanied by guest appearances featuring George Bush and John Kerry. They're joined by Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney, Howard Dean, Hillary Clinton, Ariel Sharon, Mahmoud Abbas... and Cher.

This is our twenty-fifth album since 1984. We've chronicled the full Clinton years, the reign of George the First, and of course The Gipper. Collect 'em all.



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