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PRAY FOR SURF IS BLOGGED BY PHIL MIGLIORATTI WHO ENJOYS THE SOUND AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE MUSIC OF BRIAN WILSON AND THE BEACH BOYS ... AS A CHRIST-FOLLOWER, HE COMMENTS ON WHAT HE CONSIDERS "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BRIAN WILSON AND THE BEACH BOYS ...

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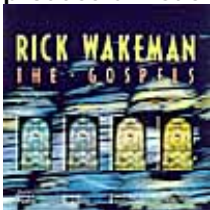
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PFS ~ Rick, most readers of this blog will remember you as a member of Yes but you have recorded with many other artists, recorded solo albums, you have studied at the Royal College of Music ... A wild ride musically these four decades?

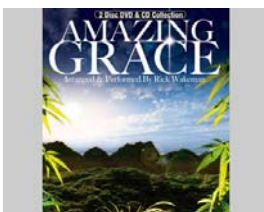
Rick Wakenman ~ THAT WAS THANKS TO MY FATHER WHO WAS A GREAT PIANIST IN HIS DAY , BOTH CLASSICAL AND LIKE THE GREAT CHARLIE KUNZ OF YEARS GONE BY . MY DAD DRUMMED IN TO ME THAT THE ONLY WAY TO GET AN ALL ROUND AND THOROUGH MUSICAL EDUCATION WAS TO OPEN MY EARS AND HEART TO EVERYTHING THAT WAS OUT THERE...AND SO I DID ! I PLAYED IN DANCE BANDS, WORKING MEN'S CLUBS, CHURCHES (FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS) , TRAD JAZZ BANDS, FOLK BANDS, COUNTRY AND WESTERN (HATED THAT), AND ROCK BANDS OF COURSE . I SOON DISCOVERED THAT MUSIC IS A NEVER ENDING APPRENTICESHIP COURSE.

PFS ~ Beginning with *The Gospels* in 1987, you have released a dozen albums of music that are faith-focused. What prompted you to write and produce Christian music? ==>[Click headline to access website . . .](#)



Rick Wakeman ~ I SUPPOSE THE SIMPLE ANSWER TO THAT IS BECAUSE I WANTED TO ! I LOVE WRITING FOR CHOIRS AND FOR ME THE FINEST CHORAL WORKS ARE ALL BASED AROUND CHRISTIANITY . THE GOSPELS WAS REWRITTEN TWICE AND WILL UNDERGO YET ANOTHER REWRITE IN SOME AREAS THIS YEAR AS WELL . I ALSO PRODUCED A COUPLE OF LIGHT ROCK CHRISTIAN ALBUMS BUT I HAVE A QUESTION MARK OVER THAT ALBUM (CAN YOU HEAR ME) AS ALTHOUGH I REALLY LIKE THE MUSIC , I WOULD HAVE LOVED A BIGGER BUDGET . IT SADDENS ME THAT SO MUCH MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTIAN MARKET DOES NOT HAVE PROPER BUDGETS TO WORK WITH . I ALSO RECORDED SOME PRAYERS WITH MUSIC AND SOME BIBLICAL READINGS AS WELL . I WOULD TRULY LIKE TO DO MORE BIG WORKS WITH ORGAN , CHOIR AND A CAST OF THOUSANDS (SLIGHT EXAGGERATION THERE) AND HOPEFULLY WILL DO IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE . I DO HAVE TWO DIFFERING CHURCH ORGAN PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR .

PFS ~ Your latest, *Amazing Grace*, is both a CD and a DVD - What was the driving vision behind this project?



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