



# Lee Muhr

## Keyboards

Sometimes the talent you are looking for is right under your nose.

On the first stop of their World Tour, members of the newly formed Geocaching rock band **The Travel Bugs** got off the plane in Madagascar only to realize to their dismay that none of them had the opposable thumbs necessary to carry their equipment. "You have to realize, at that point the band was just a penguin, a turtle, and a frog.", Travel Bugs lead singer Marvin T. Stuckmeyer explains, "We just stood there looking at the equipment and then at each other and then back at the equipment."

The band quickly sought to hire a roadie and found a taker in the crowd of locals that had gathered to gawk at the strange trio. Lee Muhr joined the crew and travelled around the world with the band, toting their instruments, signing their contracts, and answering the phone. "We really didn't know much about the guy.", Stuckmeyer adds, "He was very quiet and introverted ... but indispensable when we needed to thumb a ride somewhere!".

However, one fateful day, the Bugs, upon arriving early for a show, walked backstage to find Muhr playing a grand piano. "It was insane!", Bugs co-founder Shelly Rickenbacker recalls, "He was playing Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3* perfectly!". Blown away, **The Travel Bugs** immediately hired Lee, making him the fourth, and only classically trained, member of the band.

Up until this point **The Travel Bugs** only knew one chord, A minor, and played it incorrectly. Muhr ushered in a new era for the band by introducing the concepts of multiple chords, melody, and playing in tune. It turned out that he was one of the top pianist in the world and had already garnered several Grammy awards for classical music.

When asked why he never revealed his hidden talent, Muhr says, "It just never occurred to me that they were making music. I thought that they were stress-testing sound equipment for some sort of laboratory."

Since joining the **Bugs**, Lee Muhr continues to be a man-of-few-words, quietly standing at the back of the band in performances, and keeping to himself on the road. "I wonder if I should tell them that I also have a law degree specializing in the music industry", he questions.

**The Travel Bugs** debut album "*Found It!*", is available online, and more information about the band's activities can be found at [www.thegeocachers.com](http://www.thegeocachers.com).

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