



ABOUT THE BLUE MAN GROUP FOUNDERS



Blue Man Group is an award-winning global entertainment company, best known for its creative stage productions around the world. It developed through collaboration among three close friends, Chris Wink, Phil Stanton and Matt Goldman on Manhattan's Lower East Side, with its first formal production in 1991 at the Astor Place Theatre.



PHIL STANTON

Phil Stanton is an award-winning writer and performer, Grammy-nominated musician and composer, and Co-Founder of the international theatrical sensation Blue Man Group, CEO of its parent organization Blue Man Productions, and Co-Founder of the NYC-based Blue School.

Phil is a ‘maker’, a DIY designer and builder who is guided by a genuine curiosity and child-like wonder. Many of the never-before-seen musical instruments used in Blue Man Group performances were inspired by Phil’s early job at an industrial hardware store. His formative years spent in Savannah, Georgia were filled with music, singing, acting and an overall love of entertainment. But as Phil began to pursue a creative career post-college, he realized his true passion was to explore projects with a deeper meaning, creative efforts that delved beyond simple entertainment and escapism.

As he and friends Chris Wink and Matt Goldman began to develop the character of Blue Man, Phil was excited by how this project naturally explored the universal aspects of humanity and what it means to be fully human. While some felt the pursuit of this bald and blue character was ‘eccentric’, once Phil witnessed the emotional response from the audiences, he knew this path was worth all of the effort.

Phil’s pursuit of a “full spectrum” life paid off in the form of an engaging and ever-evolving project known as Blue Man Group — complete with theatre accolades, Grammy-nominated albums, World Tours, film scoring projects, commercials, speaking engagements and, most importantly, daily self-expression with a tribe of creative people dedicated to living in full color.

Phil on [CNN The Next List](#)

Phil on [Valley View Live!](#)



CHRIS WINK

Chris Wink's many accomplishments include award-winning writer and performer, Grammy-nominated Musician and Composer, Co-Founder of the international theatrical sensation Blue Man Group, CEO of its parent organization Blue Man Productions, and Co-Founder of the NYC-based Blue School.

Chris is an artist, a drummer, and a writer with several projects in the works for the stage and screen. His childhood and adolescent years in New York City provided him with firsthand experience in the vibrant art world and punk rock scene, two major influences in his creative work. Chris's wide ranging knowledge of art and music combined with his ability to balance counter-intuitive elements helped to develop the universal language of the Blue Man character — classic comedic timing paired with subtle scientific concepts and high art references mixed with populist pleasures.

At a relatively young age, Chris was influenced by Joseph Campbell's instruction to "Follow Your Bliss" - he took the advice and never looked back. Instinctively, Chris knew that following the path the Blue Man created, however crazy it may seem, would lead to a life of creativity, exploration and fulfillment.

As the Blue Man Group company continues to grow, Chris retains his unwavering focus on pursuing projects that speak directly to the primal human need to create fully, to express fully, to live fully. He is a frequent guest speaker on the topic of Creativity, and is developing several projects beyond the blue man character, including a Broadway show.

Chris on [CNN The Next List](#)

Chris on [PBS Roadtrip Nation](#)

Chris at [TEDx Blue](#)



MATT GOLDMAN

A few of Matt Goldman's titles include award-winning writer and performer, Grammy-nominated musician and composer, Co-Founder of the international theatrical sensation Blue Man Group, CEO of its parent organization Blue Man Productions, and Co-Founder of the NYC-based Blue School.

Matt is an inquirer, a life long 'learner' and entrepreneur. Matt spent his boyhood in New York City, with parents who encouraged him to learn about a diverse range of interests. After earning an MBA degree, he began a career in software development, only to step away from the growing industry to follow where the Blue Man path would lead. His business knowledge assisted the friends early on, guiding them to make decisions in regard to the longevity and ownership of their creative work.

After nearly twenty years at the Blue Man helm with Chris and Phil, Matt made the decision to follow his passion for learning and education. The threesome teamed up with other artists and educators to form Blue School in New York City. Matt serves as Board Vice-Chair and Co-Founder of the school.

- Matt on [CNN The Next List](#)
- Matt at [Dalai Lama Center](#)
- Matt's [Clark University Alumni Talk](#)