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Preface

This book is a record of musicians in a large western region of the United States and just like the music of the ancients, it is important that its history be preserved. Historians tell us that we cannot know where we are going until we know where we have been. Many of the stories in this book have lessons for today. Many of these individuals and their families lived modestly and worked from light until dark—tenacity and courage are found in their words. Their family pleasure was the music they made together. Their music strengthened their relationship with each other, gave them joy in times of happiness and comfort in times of need.

When most of these individuals were young, there was little or no commercial music, as we know it today. They learned to provide their own music and thus lifted their spirits through achievement and realization of self worth. They also added to the happiness of others both in their family and in their community. People depended upon each other and it made for a better life than many of us know today.

It's the story of individual musicians or musical groups that have lived in Southern Utah and have played their music in Utah, surrounding states and in some cases throughout the world. Many people will be recognized in this book both through photographs and text. It will tell their stories as musicians, as individuals and as contributors to the social and economic fabric of Southern Utah. Each story will speak of success and failure, suffering and trials and times of great joy and fulfillment. In brief, this book tells of the life and history of the music and the people of Southern Utah.