

Teddy Miller:

Living the Dream

**"The album was the realization of a dream. I was happy I did it."
– Teddy Miller**

Are you one of those people who has written a story that you would love to have published, but has it lying in a drawer? Perhaps you are ambitious and it is actually a novel? Maybe it is a song or two that you have hidden away from view. What would it take to go back into that drawer, after 30 years, and actually make the dream into a reality? Teddy Miller can tell you what it took. He did it! Recording two CD's of his original material was no easy feat. The fact that he had written these songs over thirty years ago is what makes his story unique.

Teddy Miller is an average guy at first glance. He works hard as Comptroller at Lawrence Home Fashions Inc. in Montreal, is a loving husband to Audrey and devoted father to Gab and Britt. At second glance, Teddy is a dreamer who has wanted to record an album of his own original music and lyrics for decades. These are songs he wrote with his guitar in the 1970's! He wrote about love, life, and peace. His song: "Audrey" was written in 1979 and describes how he fell in love with his wife to be after a "fix up." They have been together since then.

Teddy pulled out the loose leaf binders and dusted off all the scribbled songs that he had written as a teen. Over three decades later, he decided to record all the songs professionally. The first album is entitled *What the @#^% Were you Waiting For???* and was released in 2010. The second album, *More Songs from*

Long Ago came out in 2011 and all songs music, lyrics and vocals are by Teddy Miller with arrangements by collaborator Eric Bernard who is pretty much a one man band. "With the exception of a verse or two added in December of 2010, it is amazing how the songs have remained timeless," explains Teddy. "Whatever I felt then, in the songs I wrote between '76 and '79, I still feel today. Music is timeless." The latest CD has 11 original recordings, and is a medley you won't want to miss.

In perfect harmony with a lyric in his song "Life Goes On" about helping people rise above, is Teddy's other passion: his dedication to the Maccabi Canada organization and the athletes who compete all over the world. As Delegation Head, he helped lead the Maccabi Canada athletes and supporters as they competed in the Maccabi Australia International Games (MAIGs). The Canadian contingent arrived on December 26, 2010 in Sydney and joined 450 athletes representing 14 countries to compete in various team and individual events. Until their return January 2, the games were an opportunity for "bonding and making new friends," explains Teddy. "Having everyone under one roof gave the delegation made up of Montrealers and Torontonians the chance to share our commonalities and differences with our Jewish brothers and sisters from all over the world. It also paves the way for future athletes when Australia once again plays host in 2014."

Teddy was also one of the athletes on the basketball team which included Jonathan Dresner, Moe Leibman, Ariel Kincler, Shane Bacher, Josh Schwartz, Ryan Pেকেles, Shawn

Teddy at 16 with his brothers on the shore of Lake Champlain in Vermont



Levy, Ben Segev. Women's basketball players Ruby Egit and Rachel David, squash player Rich Varadi and Teddy's wife Audrey and daughter Brittany also joined the delegation for the week of non-stop action and life-long memories.

"The 25 hours of travel were well worth it," says Teddy. The congeniality of the host families more than made up for the thousands of kilometres travelled. Jewish athletes came from Argentina, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, England, Hong Kong, Israel, Lithuania, Mexico, Scotland, Sweden, the United States and Venezuela, in addition to the host country.

Teddy Miller's extraordinary achievement can be summed up in a phrase on his CD liner notes, "I believe in the good in everyone..."

Peace, Teddy.

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Audrey and Teddy