

Chuck Leavell short bio, 2010

Chuck Leavell has been pleasing the ears of music fans for more than 30 years. His piano and keyboard work have been heard on the works of Eric Clapton, the Rolling Stones, George Harrison, The Allman Brothers Band, The Black Crowes, Train... and many other prominent rock artists. His association with the Stones began back in 1982 and is still going strong. He is a first call session musician, often working in Nashville. Recent recordings there include work with Miranda Lambert, Montgomery-Gentry, Lee Ann Womack, Heidi Newfield, Lady Antebellum and more. Chuck is also an artist in his own right, with several successful solo CDs in circulation...the latest of which is his "Live In Germany" project, released in the spring of '08.

Also a respected author, he has penned three books. His book on forestry called *Forever Green: The History and Hope of the American Forest*, is now in its second printing in the U.S. with translated releases in Germany and Austria. His recent children's book, *The Tree Farmer*, has garnered several awards including special recognitions from the National Arbor Day Foundation and the American Farm Bureau Federation and is in its third printing. His autobiography, *Between Rock and a Home Place* chronicles his career in music and also explains how he came to be so passionate on environmental issues. The book has recently been translated and released in Japan.

Leavell co-founded *The Mother Nature Network* (mnn.com) in January of 2009, and the site made a quick rise to become the world's premiere website for environmental news, information and education after only one year. Chuck is a renowned environmentalist and tree farmer, and he and his wife Rose Lane were given the ultimate honor for their outstanding stewardship of their own forest, Charlane Plantation, by being named National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year in 1999. Leavell sits on several important environmental Boards, including The American Forest Foundation, the U.S. Endowment for Forests and Communities, The Georgia Land Conservation Council and others. Chuck's passion for forestry and the environment have elevated him to one of the most respected leaders in the field.