

## Ocean Withdrawal



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**Together Again** – As the pandemic subsides, OC companies are bringing their employees together again to support the local community in person for April's "Global Service Month." This weekend in Seal Beach, 50 Bank of America employees and their families joined the Surfrider Foundation for a beach cleanup day, collecting more than 132 pounds of trash, including some interesting debris nabbed from the ocean by (left to right) BofA employees Jesse Piedra, Mina Izaguirre, and Ariana Valdez.

## Rain Cried (Happy Tears) Softly at the One Earth Awards Again

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April started off with a bang for Gregg Young & the 2nd Street Band. Their track, "Rain Cried Softly," just won another Gold Award at the One Earth Awards, this time for Best Music Video - Narrative/Montage based. The peaceful song previously won Gold for Best Jazz Single. The One Earth Awards is an awards show that recognizes musicians and filmmakers from all over the world who are using their art to make the world a better place.

"Rain Cried Softly" was written as Gregg's "save the rainforest" song. It was recorded at Mambo Sound & Recording in Long Beach with Engineer Steve McNeil and Producer Gregg Young. Several musicians helped make this magical, timeless track come to life, including Tom Zink, keys; Anders Swanson, bass; Chris Wabich; drums; Tiki Pasillas, percussion; Ambrose Splencia, soprano sax and Gregg Young, guitar.

The music video was released on YouTube in January 2020. Editors Amanda De La Torre, Ai Saito and Crisel Santos brought even more life to the healing tune through this stunning piece of visual art.

Gregg and the Band were incredibly excited to have been awarded Best Jazz Single, but now with this new win for Best Music Video, they are even more honored. Double Gold, they can't believe it! The Band is looking forward to performing their award-winning "Rain Cried Softly" at upcoming spring

and summer events. Book them now!

For full details about Gregg Young & the 2nd Street Band, visit their website.

Gregg Young is a guitarist, singer, songwriter, and owner and founder of Shore Records. He is an ASCAP Composer/Publisher, Grammy voting member and has been the Music Director at the iconic Dome Arclight Entertainment Center in Hollywood for over a decade, until the pandemic hit. He is a self-established top tier musician in today's saturated music industry.

Young also leads Gregg Young & the 2nd Street Band, the house band at the Dome Arclight Entertainment Center. The Band has been nominated Best Jazz, Best Pop and Best Latin for the Hollywood Music in Media Awards. They have been considered for Grammys for Best Americana/Folk/Acoustic Song and Best American Roots Performance. In addition to these nominations and considerations, they have won Best Blues and Best Funk/Groove for the Hollywood Music in Media Awards, as well as Smooth Jazz Artist of the Year for the LA Music Awards. The Band's track, "Together (Hk)," was considered for a Grammy in the Best Remixed Recording category. Most recently, their song, "Rain Cried Softly," won Double Gold Awards for Best Jazz Single and Best Music Video at the One Earth Awards. They have 385,637 spins on Pandora for their award-winning music.

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