

STEVE BAUER



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The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame recognizes exceptional contributions to the sport of Cycling by both Athletes and Builders.

The Canadian Cycling Hall of Fame is pleased to welcome Steve Bauer as an inductee for 2015 and acknowledges his legendary status as Canada's most prominent road cyclist.

Steve is best known for his breakout performance at the 1984 Olympic Games where he won Canada's first ever men's road race medal finishing second in an incredible race. It was also Canada's first Olympic cycling medal since 1908. Following those Olympic Games he turned professional and won a bronze medal at the World Championships in 1984 and silver in 1988.

Throughout his twelve-year professional career, Steve made eleven appearances in the greatest race of all, the Tour de France. He became the first Canadian to win a stage of the Tour when he claimed the coveted yellow jersey at the end of the first stage of the 1988 event. Throughout the rest of the Tour, he won an additional four stages and finished fourth overall, another Canadian record. In 1989, he finished

fifteenth in the Tour, and in 1990 he sported the yellow jersey for nine consecutive stages.

While these two significant accomplishments stand out in his career there were numerous titles and podium finishes throughout his career, which included; six World Cup and Classic podium finishes including gold at the 1989 Championship of Zurich. Steve also won twelve medals at International Tours including first place overall finishes at the 1988 Tour de l'Oise, FRA and the 1988: Trophée Pantalica, ITA.

Rounding out his international highlights were a number of victories in Grand Prix events including: 1985: G.P. Aix en Provence, FRA (FIRST PROFESSIONAL VICTORY), 1986-1987: Carlsberg Light G.P., CAN, 1988: G.P. d'Amériques, Montreal, CAN, 1995: Deinze G.P., BEL and 1996: Roanoke Valley G.P. Despite his professional schedule he found the time to win five Canadian championships during his amateur and pro career. There are now some masters' wins as well.

In 1994 he was awarded the Canadian Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal and received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws at Brock University for bringing recognition to Canada on the international cycling stage. After retiring in 1996, Steve co-founded Steve Bauer Bike Tours. Based in St. Catharines, the company specializes in high quality, international bicycle tours and events for cycling enthusiasts.

In 2005 he was inducted to the Canadian Olympic Sport Hall of Fame and as well Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.