

Northwest Artist MANAGEMENT

Professional Musicians for all Occasions

PROFILE

~ ~ The Groove ~ ~



Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Saxophone, Bass, Vocals

About:

THE GROOVE delivers the perfect blend of your favorite music, incorporating professional musicianship and stage presence into a dynamic and engaging performance.

Your guests will undoubtedly find our music familiar and entertaining. For any occasion, there is nothing more exciting than THE GROOVE to make your event successful and memorable.

THE GROOVE is a six-piece band whose members have years of diverse performing experience. We can easily customize our repertoire to suit your needs, ranging from soft ballads and standards to the driving dance music from the 70's to today's chart toppers. Additional horns and vocalists are also available to create THE SUPER GROOVE show band.

THE GROOVE is prepared for your special event. We are totally self contained and provide a full sound and lighting system. Rest assured that all equipment is in place well before your guests arrive. Our attire will cater to your demands.

We offer formal, semi-formal, business casual and, of course, our disco theme costumes.

Talent:

Karen Maria Capo: Vocalist and Songwriter

Karen Maria Capo, Vocalist and Songwriter for The Groove, began her career on Broadway at the age of 11 in the musical DUDE by the authors of HAIR. She performed in various plays and cabarets until she completed her studies at the prestigious School of Performing Arts in New York. Karen Maria is a staple in the swing and blues community as a dancer, DJ, singer, and all-around entertainer. She has performed at Cheap Thrills, Sacramento Lindy Exchange, Austin Lindy Exchange, Emerald City Blues, Red White and Blues, and countless others.

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Leah Hinchcliff: Bass and Vocals

Leah Hinchcliff has been a professional musician for over 20 years and is widely recognized as one of the NW's premier bassists. As a first call studio musician she has recorded with many of the NW's top recording artists including Swamp Mama Johnson, Nicole Campbell, Mark Bosnian (Nu Shooz, Body & Soul) Soul Vaccination and Voodoo BBQ. As a member of the successful Indie band Swamp Mama Johnson -- voted Seattle's Best Band (1999) -- she toured North America, sold over 40,000 records (which can be heard on radio stations around the world!) and carved out her niche in the NW as a sought after and respected musician. Leah has backed up rock and roll legend Bo Diddley as well as emerging national artist Tracy Grammer. She is equally comfortable on stage as in the studio and has been proud to participate in many festivals including The Portland Waterfront Blues Festival, The Fender/Catalina Island Blues Festival, and BluesStock (Memphis) and has also been seen on the television staple Oregon Today with Swamp Mama Johnson and folk singer/songwriter Tracy Grammer.

Mary-Sue Tobin: Tenor Saxophone

Mary-Sue Tobin received a Masters in Saxophone Performance and a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies from Portland State University where she served as the graduate teaching assistant for the jazz studies department. She has played with all the Portland jazz luminaries (including: Glen Moore, Darrell Grant, Thara Memory, Alan Jones and many others) in addition to leading her own groups. She currently plays regularly at The Blue Monk with the Andrew Oliver Sextet and is a member of the The Portland Jazz Orchestra. She has appeared at numerous Jazz Festivals (including The Portland Jazz Festival, The Mount Hood Jazz Festival, The Vancouver Wine and Cheese Jazz Festival, The Banff International Jazz Festival) and has shared the stage with international jazz stars such as Dave Douglas, James Moody and Esperanza Spalding. She appears in the movie "Hear No Evil" with the group Dub Squad and has toured internationally with the groups Flatland and Dub Squad, opening up for legends like Herbie Hancock, Steel Pulse and Third World. She and her family live in Portland, OR where she teaches and performs professionally.

Brian Harris: Singer/songwriter/keyboardist/composer/arranger

Brian Harris has made music his life's work as well as his primary spiritual practice. His music brings together New Thought theology, Integral Theory, soul, funk and jazz to create an exciting "Post-modern Gospel" music that will have you shakin' your spiritual thang! Brian's 20+ years in the music business include studies in Jazz Composition at Berklee College of Music, several recordings with Pacific Northwest New Thought musicians, and performances with a host of local and national artists including: Patrick Lamb, Norman Sylvester, Carl Anderson and Kenny Loggins.

Nick O'Donnell: Guitar

Nick O'Donnell The Groove amazing guitar play has made a name for himself as the ultimate professional. Nick has been a professional musician for many years and has worked with the northwest best talent. When not playing with The Groove Nick has a Jazz duo and is busy teaching in the Portland area.

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WEDDINGS:

It's one of the biggest days of your life . . . leave the entertainment to us.

The Groove has years of experience performing for wedding ceremonies and receptions, and we can help put the romance as well as the party into your special day.

The Groove's style and talents will bring an excitement to your reception that your friends and family will be talking about for years to come.

We have the upbeat energy needed to entertain and bring life to the dance floor.

With three lead vocalists, we can cover our lengthy song list with polish and authenticity.

The versatility of the music, ranging from the 1940's to today's hottest hits, has made us a huge success everywhere.

We understand that the first hour of your reception is for greeting your friends and loved ones and for that, we will play the appropriate music at the perfect volume level. When called upon, however, we kick it into full dancing mode for a great party. Our PA system is always available to you for toasts or announcements and our experienced band members can fulfill Master of ceremony duties.

Don't miss considering The Groove when arranging your reception. We take pride in our professionalism, our music, and our ability to accommodate your individual needs.

RAVE REVIEWS:

Don't just take our word for it, read what a few of our customers had to say...

"Kudos!! Thank you so much for a wonderful night. Everyone raved about the band. We had a spectacular time and we'll be anxious to recommend you for other events. I hope you all had a nice time. Cheers!"

- Jala, Bride June 2008

"I just want to thank all of you for the fantastic job you did at our company party. From our first contact with Rod Walker, it was obvious that The Groove wanted to make our party a success. "The Groove" is packed with talent, each band member was professional, interactive and 100% a class act. Our past experiences have shown, that the biggest challenge for any band is to be diverse enough to capture the attention of all the employee's and guest. It truly is amazing how you guys "picked up" on what our group liked and "ran with it". You had us rocking on the dance floor like no other company party!

I would highly recommend "The Groove" for any event and we look forward to having them back next year." Sincerely,

- Greg Watkins, Kerr Concentrates, Inc.

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SAMPLE SONG LIST: Title, Song

Dancing Queen Abba	Fly Me to the Moon Frank Sinatra	Crazy Patsy Cline
Let's Stay Together Al Green	Had to Be You Frank Sinatra	Lady Marmalade Patty La Belle
Black Velvet Alannah Myles	Words Get in the Way Gloria Estefan	Father, Daughter Paul Simon
Knock on Wood Amii Stewart	I Will Survive Gloria Gaynor	Fever Peggy Lee
Chain of Fools Aretha Franklin	The Way You Look Tonight Harry Connick Jr	Sledge Hammer Peter Gabriel
Respect Aretha Franklin	Don't You Want Me Human League	Get this Party Started Pink
Love Shack B-52's	Proud Mary Ike & Tina Turner	"1999" Prince
I Want to Marry You BB King and Eric Clapton	Shake Your Body to the Ground Jacksons	Crazy Little Thing Called Love Queen
Stand by Me Ben E. King	I Feel Good James Brown	Start it Up Robben Ford
Wind Beneath My Wings Bette Midler	I Love Rock n Roll Joan Jett	Feel Like Makin' Love Roberta Flack
Just the Way You Are Billy Joel	Over the Rainbow Judy Garland	Car Wash Rose Royce
I Can't Make You Love Me Bonnie Raitt	Get Down Tonight KC & the Sunshine Band	Smooth Operator Sade
Love Sneaking Up On You Bonnie Raitt	KC Medley KC & the Sunshine Band	Smooth Santana
Something to Talk About Bonnie Raitt	Shake Your Booty KC & the Sunshine Band	All I Wanna Do Sheryl Crow
Jump, Jive and Wail Brian Seltzer Orchestra	That's the Way I Like it KC & the Sunshine Band	We are Family Sister Sledge
You Got a Friend Carole King	Celebration Kool and the Gang	Summertime Standard
Got to be Real Cheryl Lynn	Horse and the Cherry Tree KT Unsell	Sunshine of My Life Steve Wonder
Good Times Chic	Funkytown Lipps	Superstition Steve Wonder
Le Freak Chic	Holiday Madonna	Boogie Oogie Oogie Taste of Honey
Brickhouse Commodores	Billy Jean Michael Jackson	Honky Talk Woman The Rolling Stones
Easy Commodores	Ain't no Mountain Michael McDonald	Miss You The Rolling Stones
Standing on Shaky Ground Delbert McClinton	Game of Love Michelle Branch and Santana	You Can't Hurry Love The Supremes
You Gotta Be Des'ree	All Blues Miles Davis	Disco Inferno The Tramps
I'm Coming Out Dianna Ross	Unforgettable Nat King Cole	Have I Told You Lately That I Love You Van Morrison
Hot Stuff Donna Summer	Hella Good No Doubt	Moondance Van Morrison
Last Dance Donna Summer	Come Away with Me Nora Jones	YMCA Village People
Upside Down Donna Summer	Love Train O'Jays	Saving All My Love Whitney Houston
Satin Doll Ella Fitzgerald		Play that Funky Music Wild Cherry
At Last Etta James		Mustang Sally Wilson Pickett
Dreams Fleetwood Mac		

MORE RAVE REVIEWS:

"The Groove were wonderful!!! Everyone had a blast dancing, as you could see! And I loved singing with you all. Everything was just perfect."

- Kay, Bride August 2007

"Everyone loved you guys and you were exactly what I was looking for. We all had a really great time! Thank you so much! I know there were some guests who are getting married soon and wanted to know who you were...so hopefully you will get some business! We loved you all...thanks again!"

- Emily, Bride July 2008