

FM

Biography

FM is a new band with old roots. The members of the band have amassed a mantle full of awards and dozens of hit songs ranging from Pop to Rock to Broadway, Country, Jazz, Blues and even Classical. Since their very first appearance sold out the world famous Bluebird Café in minutes, they have been barnstorming the country to rave reviews. Their show is unique, using a 'radio station' format with witty sketches that weave together the classic songs for which they are known. Here are some credits:

Leslie Ellis (*guitar, mandolin, vocals*)

Grammy® Award winner Leslie Ellis sings with Celine Dion on "My Heart will Go On", which also won a Golden Globe, Oscar and FOUR total Grammy's, on Celine Dion's 'Let's Talk About Love' CD, (10x platinum US and 31 million copies worldwide). Furthermore, Leslie has starred in Broadway productions of 'Cats', 'La Cage Aux Folles', 'City of Angels' and as 'Christine' to Michael Crawford's 'Phantom' on his 'Music of Andrew Lloyd Weber' tour. In 2007 Leslie's "Flyer Song" was officially adopted by the US Navy and made into a video as a tribute to the troops and their families.

Jeff Gilkinson (*cello, banjo, harmonica, porchboard, vocals*)

Jeff is also a member of the 'Dillards', inducted to the Bluegrass Hall of Fame in 2009. TV fans remember the Dillards as 'The Darlins' from the Andy Griffith Show. He's recorded and/or performed with Delbert McClinton, John Hartford, Willie Nelson, Mason Williams, Michael Martin Murphy, Jennifer Warnes, Michael Johnson and Tom T. Hall and appeared twice on Austin City Limits. Born and raised in Minneapolis and trained as a classical cellist, Jeff picked up banjo, harmonica, guitar and bass along the way.

Casey Kelly (*guitar, keyboards, bass, vocals*)

Casey's many hits as a songwriter include 2 Grammy nominations: Kenny Rogers & Dottie West's "Anyone Who Isn't Me Tonight," and Tanya Tucker's "Soon". He also wrote George Strait's signature song "The Cowboy Rides Away" (12 million sold and counting) as well as hits for TG Sheppard, Joe Diffie, 'The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band', Helen Reddy, Donna Fargo and the band 'America'.

CJ Watson (*guitar, vocals*)

CJ was singer/lead guitarist for the first Rock band to tour China. He won the Kerrville 'New Folk' Songwriting Award (along with Lyle Lovett, Steve Earle, and Townes Van Zandt.), co-wrote and produced the critically acclaimed Jazz album 'Lovedrunk' (debuted at #7 on the iTunes chart). His song 'Love Has Wheels' was one of the Top 30 Bluegrass Songs of 2014. CJ's has songs in several movies, on the Emmy winning series 'Venice', the Rockband videogame and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered". 'Voodoo', a blues tune written and performed by Watson, was a 'long list' Oscar nominee for 'Best Original Song'.

Casey and CJ are both respected authors and are available for seminars, workshops and lecture services.