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Banjo Cats

April 8, 2022

Husband and wife, Michael and Jennifer McLain, both grew up touring and performing in musical families, are both banjo players, and have been playing together since their first date. Together they have performed in 27 states from New York to California, Canada, and have appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, Kentucky Educational Television, Iowa Public Television, The Nashville Network, Country Music Television, RFD Television, National Public Radio, and the PBS show, Song of the Mountains, which airs on over 180 Public Television outlets across the United States.



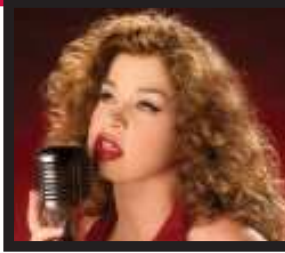
Growing up, Michael performed with his family, the McLain Family Band all across the United States in 49 states, Mexico, Canada, Japan and Brazil, including concerts at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Chicago's Orchestra Hall and appearances on NBC's Today Show and the CBS Morning News. For several years he toured and recorded as part of the Claire Lynch Band as well as with Dale Ann Bradley. He was featured on a CD with Claire Lynch that was nominated for a Grammy. For 13 years, he taught guitar, banjo, mandolin and bluegrass ensemble in the School of Music at Belmont University in Nashville, TN.

In addition to recording for Big Pick Productions, Jennifer was an artist on Pinecastle Records and has recorded as a harmony vocalist for other major labels and demos in Nashville. She has performed on the Grand Ole Opry, was featured on PBS-TV's Song of the Mountains, Kentucky Educational Television, Iowa Public Television, and at Busch Gardens - Williamsburg (banjo and saxophone!). She graduated from Elon University with a degree in music performance. She is a member of the Christ Church choir in Nashville, TN.

Jaimee Paul

September 16, 2022

In a world desperate for peace and sanity, Jaimee and Leif discover their mission...delivering tranquility and hope through the gift of music.



Raised in Southern Illinois, steeped in the church choir, Ms. Paul was influenced by Gospel and Blues, cultivating a special place in her heart for jazz. She left her home town for Nashville, TN to study music business at highly acclaimed Belmont University. After graduation Jaimee quickly found work at various record labels handling marketing and radio promotion, and simultaneously she began working part time as a studio session singer. Jaimee's talent was quickly recognized, and soon she began touring as background vocalist with country superstar Wynonna, The Judd's and most recently, pop sensation, Kelly Clarkson.

Leif Shires, a trumpet player from California's San Joaquin Valley, moved to Nashville in 2004 and his first discovery was a sultry jazz singer who was looking for a trumpet player. From that discovery began a romance that blossomed into marriage. Leif's career has continued to flourish as he has worked with many different artists spanning a variety of genres, including Kelly Clarkson, Jack White, Eliza and the Bear, Jaci Velasquez, Wanda Jackson, Barry Gibb, TG Sheppard, Kelly Lang and bands such as the Memphis Horns, My Morning Jacket, and Latin jam band Salvador. Green Hill, recognizing the powerful potential of this couple, also signed Leif as their first solo trumpet player in 2008.

As a duo, Leif and Jaimee have had the privilege of performing for audiences throughout the US, Canada, Europe, and Japan. Some attendees have included a United States President, Prime Ministers, Congressmen, Military leaders, and Ambassadors. They recently have independently released their first Jaimee Paul Band album, "My Favorite Things", with new twists and turns on both jazz and pop classics. Music enthusiasts have been touched and inspired by their incredible talent, love for each other, and the music they are honored to create.

Jason Coleman

March 4, 2022

From a young age, it was evident that Jason had inherited his grandfather's "slip note" touch at the piano, as it managed to "slip" its way into even the most elementary songs from his early piano lessons. Jason's keen ability to play music by ear led to a childhood spent arranging his own renditions of the songs he loved, just as his "Grandad" did throughout his career. In addition to sharing the piano bench at home, Jason grew up performing with Floyd at his concerts and on national TV, and though he was only 12 years old when Floyd passed away, the close relationship they shared formed the foundation upon which Jason has built his own career in music.



Jason made his Grand Ole Opry debut at age 17, and two years later, he was given the honor of playing for the Medallion Ceremony recognizing Floyd's induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Since then, he has spent his career in the studio and on stage, producing a collection of his own piano albums and touring across the country in concerts that pay tribute to his grandfather's enduring legacy and signature piano style. A Nashville native, Jason makes his home in Hendersonville, Tennessee, with his wife, Natalie, and their new baby boy, Avery Cramer.

Chris Burke

October 21, 2022



Chris Burke's velvet vocals combine contemporary neo-soul/pop with the classic sounds of Stax and Motown. His style ranges effortlessly from the grit of Stevie Wonder to the smooth R&B of Luther Vandross and to the pop falsetto of Daryl Hall. Having grown up in Henderson, North Carolina, then Birmingham, Alabama, he honed his vocal skills at Emory University in Atlanta where he served as lead in his cappella group, with whom he toured and recorded 3 full length albums.

After college, in Atlanta, he was chosen out of over 6500 vocalists to be a part of the Today Show's version of American Idol called Today Show's Superstars, where he performed and was featured on national and local television and radio numerous times. Launching his career as a singer and songwriter after that, Atlanta and the Today Show experience would spring board him to the musical mecca that is Nashville where he continues to appear on stages all over the city. With producer/bass player Bobby King, he has put together an incredible soul band and has performed at many local Nashville venues, including a weekly residency. He has released several recording projects, including 4 full length albums of both original material and covers. For his latest studio album, he worked closely with famed songwriter Mike Reid. 'I Can't Make You Love Me: The Mike Reid Song Book,' is an album filled with soulful versions of many of Reid's classic songs.

All concerts will be held at First Assembly Church and will begin at 7:30 pm. Doors will open at 7:00 pm.

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