

The Band



DAN LOPA - BASS

DANNY LOPA is an accomplished bassist and educator based in Rochester, NY, USA.

His credits include performing as the first call bassist with the House of Blues in Boston as well as touring and recording with national music artists such as Matt 'Guitar' Murphy and Dionne Warwick.

He was a student of the Berklee School of Music and maintains a private teaching practice in Rochester.

His influences include John Coltrane, Charlie Parker and James Brown.

JON GREENO - GUITAR

Rochester, NY native, Jon began playing guitar in the 6th grade. His early influences included Jimi Hendrix, Carlos Santana, and the British blues invasion, as well as eccentrics like Captain Beefheart and Frank Zappa.

His musical journey took him to Boston, where he discovered the music of John McLaughlin, Weather Report, Miles Davis, John Scofield and other jazz giants, as well as the "classical" music of Elliott Carter, Krzysztof Penderecki, Otto Resphigi and others.

Jon graduated from Boston's Berklee College of Music with a degree in Composition.



MIKE THIREOS - KEYBOARDS / GUITAR

Michael began studying classical piano at an early age, and later studied jazz piano and composition with Paul Hoffman at the Eastman School of Music. His main influences include Chic Corea, McCoy Tyner, Bill Evans, and Thelonious Monk.

He has performed on keys with Urban Transit, The Jimmie Highsmith Band, and the Thireos-Highsmith project. He can be heard on the Jimmie Highsmith Jr. Album "Passive Thoughts", as well as WGMC Best of Meet the Artist Concert series, performing with Grammy nominee Wycliff Gordon, Janet Beaman, Tony Heiler, and others. Michael has performed at numerous festivals and venues including the Rochester Music Fest, and opening for Natalie Cole at the CMAC Performing Arts Center.

Michael is also a multi-instrumentalist and has performed numerous gigs playing bass and guitar in modern rock, funk, and blues bands throughout upstate New York and Pennsylvania.

KEITH WELCH - DRUMS

The Southern California native began his musical journey at a very young age.

His many influences include Ringo, Carl Palmer, Vinnie Colaiuta, Dennis Chambers, Terry Bozzio, Neil Peart, Billy Cobham, Bill Bruford, Phil Collins, Chester Thompson, Buddy Rich, Zoltan Csorz, Stewart Copeland & more .

The self taught drummer has performed with many musicians and fortunate to share the stage with a wide range of artists such as Alvin Lee, Motley Crue, Joey DeFrancisco, Gamalon, Vince Gill, plus many more. Some of his many endeavors include Truce, Sierra, Maverick, Choice Pickins, The Keith Welch Group, Good Question, Mind Sky, Dog House, Heroes for Ghosts, Heat of the Moment, and jazz-fusion group Footnote. Keith can also be heard on Mind Sky's CD release "Timewise" and Footnote's "Common Ground".

