

The Pinsetters

FACTSHEET

The Pinsetters are a 7-piece rock horn band.

Music Style: The Pinsetters are one of the few true “Variety” bands currently working. They present tunes from artists such as Elvis, Doobie Brothers, Neil Diamond, Etta James, Lighthouse, Sam and Dave, Tom Petty, Rolling Stones, Beatles, Bonnie Rait, Pat Benatar, Chicago and so many more.

City of Origin: La Crosse, Wisconsin

Band Size: 7 Piece

Background: The Pinsetters are comprised of the recognized best musicians on their respective instruments in southwest Wisconsin. The players had long been admirers of each others musical talents but never had the opportunity to perform together until 1999. At the urging of drummer Greg Haskell, the players were assembled to “fill a slot” at La Crosse Oktoberfest. Without rehearsal and little preparation, the band took the stage before 4,000 people and proceeded to tear the house down.

In the spring of 2000, the decision was made to unite.

Credentials: The members have performed with or opened shows with national recording artists such as Chuck Berry, 38 Special, REO Speedwagon, Three Dog Night, Foghat, Ozark Mountain Daredevils, Byrds Celebration, ELO II, Nazareth, Little River Band, Steppenwolf and Chicago.

Self Contained: The Pinsetters carry a full sound reinforcement and light system designed to accommodate up to 2,000 people. In addition, the band travels with a full compliment of technicians and road staff.

Overview: The Pinsetters are comprised of seasoned professionals who have long shed the “Attitude” and are totally committed to the buyer, bride, event or organization in providing the best show possible.

MEMBER BIO

Mary Petrowitz (Mare) Vocals, Keyboards, Sax

Thirteen years full-time in Las Vegas is testimony to Mare's ability to perform. In addition to performing, Mare is in constant demand for studio work. She was the voice of CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) radio jingles in the past, making her one of the most listened to singers in the Chicago area.

Mark Nichols (Hollywood) Vocals, Bass Guitar

Mark is the former bass player for the band *Actor*, a regional touring act based out of the Twin Cities.

Greg Haskell (Rascal) Vocals, Drums

Greg's drumming career has covered the gamut. He has performed all over the U.S. in a multitude of venues. Greg had the pleasure of playing with the legendary Chuck Berry.

Greg Parish (Dean C.) Vocals, Lead Guitar

Originally from Platteville, Wisconsin, Greg started playing guitar at the age of 13. Greg was the original guitarist in the band *Surge*.

Darren Osley (Skeeter) Alto/Tenor/ Baritone Sax, Percussion

Darren holds a performing arts degree from UWL La Crosse. Darren has worn many hats throughout his career, contract player, clinician, session player and featured artist.

Scott Jensen (Skoot) Trumpet, Percussion

Scott holds a performing arts degree from UWL La Crosse. In addition to performing, Scott also acts as primary arranger for the band.

George VonArx (Butch) Trombone, Flute, Percussion

George holds a performing/ teaching degree from UWL La Crosse and is currently the music director for Holmen High School, Holmen WI. George is in constant demand for contract work and is active in the LaCrosse Symphony.