

The Renaissance

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Parrots of the Caribbean A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet at the Renaissance - January 17, 2009, 8:00 PM



The closest to the islands you'll get in North Central Ohio and the biggest party of the season!

The premiere Jimmy Buffet tribute band in the country hits the stage of the Ren just in time to drive away our post holiday winter blues. Come sip a margarita, sample a cheeseburger from one of our cheeseburger cook-off contestants and sing away the winter blahs.

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Dave Albrecht: *Dave bought his first harmonica at the age of 18 and by the age of 30 he landed a front man position impersonating "Flwood Blues" aka Dan Aykroyd in a 9-piece Blues Brothers Band based in Dayton, Ohio. For the next 5 years the band traveled across the U.S. Soon after, Dave signed with "Legends in Concert," a top ranking show of impersonators based at the Imperial Palace Casino in Las Vegas. Long before the advent of the "Parrotheads," Dave was inspired by his love for the music of Jimmy Buffett and took his passion for musical performance in a new direction. He gathered some of the finest seasoned musicians for his new band Parrots of the Caribbean and over the last 7 years has earned his acclaim as the #1 Jimmy Buffett tribute act in the country.*

Dave Cousino: *A musicologist is one who studies all facets of music; rhythm, melody, composition, emotion, technology. With a single-minded passion rarely found in any vocation, David Cousino embraced music fully to become one of today's finest merging "triple threat" artists (a songwriter, singer and guitar player). His curiosity was initially fueled by the soulful grooves of Motown, but his development began in earnest with the discovery of Jimi Hendrix, Ted Nugent, Deep Purple and Bob Dylan. Cousin's diverse background has made him an amazingly versatile artist giving us swinging jazz guitar, country finger picking, and electric riffs with equal skill.*

Brian Batchelor-Glader: *Brian has been performing professionally since he was 15 years old and studied classical piano. Brian gained recognition at regional jazz festivals winning 1st place pianist in the Akron Jazz Fest and the Capital University Jazz Fest, best rhythm section soloist at the Findlay Jazz Festival, and 1st place in the Scholastic Composers Contest. In the summer of 2002 Brian produced and recorded his first album, "Baby Steps." He recorded a Christmas Album in 2004 entitled "A Christmas Thang." He keeps busy touring nationally with the Parrots of the Caribbean, teaching private lessons and performing with his own band.*

Greg Martin: *Greg has been a percussionist and vocalist for 34 years. He has been influenced by Frank Zappa, ZZ Top, Dr. Hook, Led Zeppelin, and the Stones. He has lived in Texas, Ohio, Germany, California and Indiana. "Luck is when opportunity meets preparation."*

Gary ("Riptide") Rigmadian: *Gary has been playing bass professionally for 25 years. He hails from Lake Charles, Louisiana and his musical influences are Creedence Clearwater, the Rolling Stones, Stevie Ray, Merle Haggard and of course Delbert. Gary is a songwriter and closet classical guitarist. His favorite thing about being a musician/songwriter is the ability to express himself and communicate in melodic form, actual feelings, emotions and ideas. Being from the Gulf coast and living in Spain and Brazil during his childhood makes it easy to understand the philosophy and musical approach of Jimmy Buffet. The island music, songs of the sea, bayou themes and beachcomber blues are right at home.*