

Biographies

Jessie Street has a unique sound that is true to the tradition of jazz while remaining fresh and approachable. Their versions of well-known pop vocal songs are both fun and refreshing. Vocalist Trish Neumann has a beautiful voice that is tastefully supported by seasoned vets either as a vocal/piano duo or full quintet.

"Our twist is to present recognizable songs from the popular repertoire, in the distinctive styles of jazz. We play everything from the Beatles, Dylan, Croce, Pink to classics like Ella, Miles, and Coltrane. These songs will put a smile on your face just because they are loved songs from our past but performed in a way that is unique."

Trish Neumann - Vocals



A St. Paul native, Trish has always enjoyed singing calling it her "soul's expression." She found her soul in the church choir, expressing herself as a worship leader and eventually onto the stage as a member of the Gospel Music Association and the True North American Choir. She has performed in New York at Carnegie Hall with Casting Crowns and in Nashville with Reba McIntyre for the 48th Gospel Music Dove Awards. A highlight being a performance at Carnegie Hall for the Gospel Music Awards 50th Anniversary along side Natalie Grant, Donnie McClurkin, Hezekiah Walker, Danny Gokey, Russ Taff, and Mark Lowry.

Stan O'Daffer – Piano



Raised in Illinois, Stan won several Down Beat Magazine "DeeBee" awards at an early age as a drummer. In college he switched to piano, studying classical composition from Roque Cordero and jazz under James Boitos. Continuing his pursuit of music, his songs and recordings have charted in Billboard and obtained international air play. He spent time at Paisley Park as keyboardist with Ingrid Chavez and as a studio musician.

He continues his solo career with his own recordings, film scoring and as a founding member of the rock band Blackfish Movement.

Keith Nance – Saxophones, Flute



Keith Nance plays the saxophones and flutes lending his smooth nuances to the creation of contemporary grooves among his musical constituents. Keith has a passion for originality. He has played along with some of the finest vocalists and musicians throughout the Twin Cities and major Midwest areas. Keith continues to explore innovative concepts as he prepares to share his musical gifts on the national level.

Bill Katsiyiannis – Drums



Born/Grew up in Chicago and has been playing drums since age 10. Studied music and percussion at Northern Illinois University. He has since played drums in numerous jazz, pop, and rock bands in Chicago and St. Louis. After studying music Bill went on to a career in medicine while still finding plenty of time for music.

Darrell Pridgen - Bass



Darrell Pridgen is a talented bass player from Philadelphia where he attended Temple University and studied classical music, Jazz, R&B and Funk. Darrell has played across the United States with various artists also lending his musical talents to background vocals. He is a gifted arranger and has led bands in a number of musical settings.