

ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT 2015

# THE BAND

Under Pressure is a 5 piece band (Guitar, Bass, Keyboard, Drums and Saxophone) with the ability to add a smokin hot horn section. If you want to hear Current, Dance music, Motown, Classic Rock, Country or smooth jazz, we can do it all! Call us for any social event you want to be a success.

Under Pressure was formed by David Sanchez to showcase some of the finest talent in the midwest with musicians that are serious about entertaining and the music they play.

## MUSICIANS



David Sanchez
Lead Vocals, Sax and Percussion

David is a classically trained musician earning his bachelor degree at Central Michigan University. While at CMU David performed at Carnegie Hall twice. He also performed at the North Sea Jazz festival and the Montreux Jazz festival in Europe. David has performed in a variety of local bands including big bands, cover bands and original artists. He finds himself comfortable in the studio laying down horn tracks for various local artists in the Detroit area. David is responsible for forming Under Pressure.

### **MUSICIANS**



Mike Tashjian
Guitar and Vocals

Mike has had a strong passion for music since he was very young and started playing the guitar after being inspired by the music of Jimi Hendrix and The Beatles. He is a graduate of McNally Smith College of Music with a bachelor's degree in guitar performance and has experience playing a variety musical styles. After performing in top 40 and show bands on cruise ships Mike returned to the Detroit area to share his love of music with as many people as possible through performing and teaching.



**Guido**Bass and Vocals

Guido has logged hundreds of hours recording with local and national acts. He's toured the U.S. and has also performed overseas. He has been in several local bands that have made their mark on Detroit such as Zug Izland and Coda. From Originals to covers, he brings it. His bass playing will have you out of your seat!!!

#### MUSICIANS



#### Randy Gacki Drums

Born and raised in Detroit Randy grew up hearing his two brothers Stan and Dan playing drums in the basement and wanted to do what they could do. They were the biggest influence in his life. Randy has played many different styles of drumming. He started out playing weddings at age 14 doing Polkas, Waltzes, Fox Trots and different Latin beats. He later played in rock bands like The Original Poney Express that became EZRA, opening up shows at Harpo's for bands like Robin Trower, Loudness, and Y&T. Randy has played with some local hi profile bands like The Reputations Blues Legend Robert Noll, Stewart Frankie, The Reefermen, and the late great Bootsey X. He has also done studio work, including a session with the late great Ron Asheton of The Stooges. He was a member of the Rock A Billy band the Twistin Tarantulas for 5 years playing at a lot of car shows and touring Alaska, Colorado, Wisconsin and all over Michigan from the U.P to Grand Rapids. Randy hits the drums with energy and intensity. Playing a 4 piece kit he makes it sound like 8. Sometimes people will yell DRUM SOLO!!!



# Mark Madison Keyboards and Vocals

Trained classically from age 6-11 by the nuns, Mark soon discovered popular music while rifling through the record collections of his 7 older siblings. The Beatles, Hendrix, The Who, Santana, Yes - these were the sounds that formed Mark musically. He has performed with many bands and has played many styles over the years. In the 90s, Mark played with the JJ Band playing classic rock and blues in this eastside outfit opening for Humble Pie and the Amboy Dukes among others. From there, it was a venture into the then-bustling Detroit blues scene. Mark played with GEM recording artist Glen Eddy primarily, covering all the top clubs and casinos in SE Michigan with their signature Texas blues and funk. He also played along with many local blues outfits including Detroit Blues Band, Redford Steve, Eastside Swing Lords, Dave Mac's True Blue, Butler Twins, and many others. 2005 signaled a daytime job change that sent him to Chicago. What happened in Chicago? Mark went Country! Joining Scott DuBose and the 101 Ranch and opening for country greats Gretchen Wilson, Montgomery Gentry, Lee Greenwood, Chris Cagle and Toby Keith from 2007-2011. Mark returned to Detroit in 2012 and presently teaches piano, organ, guitar, bass, and voice throughout the Tri-County area. He brings some solid keys work to the Under Pressure Band and you may even find him singing a song or two.

# LIVE VIDEO





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