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**ALBATROSS** 



1970s. Tim Hambright (guitar), Steve Szady (keyboard), Ed Burke (bass), and Larry Sadler (drums).

Photo courtesy of Wally Smith.

**AUBURN** 



Cover band - Dan Glasse (vocals, percussion, harmonica), Chuck Cahoe (vocals), Dale Kauffman (keyboards & vocals), Dewey Wahl (guitar), Dave Samolowicz (bass), Joe Drumheller (drums & vocals). Picture is 1976/1977 New Years Eve at Old Colony Inn in Lancaster, PA.

EAST COAST LEFT



Photo courtesy of Joe Drumheller.

70s band out of Harrisburg. Photo courtesy of Wally Smith.

Frank Viola (deceased) (drummer), Gene Brenner (lead guitar), Kim Burns (rhythm and vocals), Fred ? (bass)

"Lonely" "Get Yourself Together"

**EDEN** 



Gene Procopio (drums)
Phil Diangelos (guitar)
Danny Stubler (deceased) (keyboard)
Lou Simonetti (bass guitar)



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ELVIS DAVIS BAND



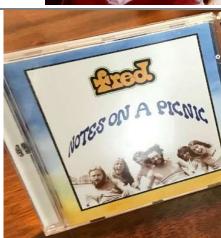
1971 Mechanicsburg-based group

Kirk Hassinger (drums), Dave Prueitt (bass), Robert E. Davis (lead vocal), Fred Prayer (saxophone) Frank Shafner (Hammond B3 organ), Jim Adkins (guitar) Thom Watters (guitar), Toby Bowers (harp)

Played with Three Dog Night!

Photo courtesy of Wally Smith.

**FRED** 



1970s

Mike "Bones" Robison (deceased) (bass), Bo Fox (drums), ? (guitars), Peter Eggers (keyboard), David Rose (deceased) (violin), Ken Price (keyboard).

Bob Kimmel: "The one band that we did a few shows with that I personally thought was destined for greatness and was musically far above us and most of the other local bands at the time was the band *fred.* They were a great band with stellar musicianship and a really eclectic roster of songs including some original stuff that I always thought was amazing". Photo by Bob Kimmel

GREEN STREET



1974-1979

Richie Defillipo, Greg Touloumes, Dr Mike Billys, Bob Sieverling, John Sempeles, Carmine Camplese, Danny Stoner

**GYRUS** 



L to R: Matt Racey (lived in Midtown), Chris Davis, Bill Shaffer, Randy Landau, Ed Earp, Fred (Fredrico) Brillhart, drums (1953-2021).

Photo courtesy of Randy Landau.



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### HURRICANE ALLEY



1970's band Chick Dishong, Phil Bennett, Paul Pyle, Bob Kimmel, Rick Beard, Phil Coombs.

### HYBRID ICE



Photo by Jeff Willoughby. Photo 1979.

John Hartman, Rick Klinger, Chris Alburger (vocals), Rusty Foulke (guitar), John Willoughby (guitar), and Bob Richardson.

#### KITCHEN SINK



L to R: Mike Hulsey, Richie Defillippo, Glen Kuhns, Joe Kuhns, Ron Hoerner, and Chuck Stroud, who was the owner of the venue.

Later the some of the band became *April Reign*.



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LARRY DAVIS AND THE MARVELS



1969

Members mostly from Harrisburg and Shippensburg area

Larry Davis (vocals) Kirby Scott Rod Summers (keyboard) Roy Klippinger Daryl Bughman (drums)

#### LITTLE DUCK AND THE DRAKES



Cover band out of Columbia, PA 1960-1965

Don (Duck) Hunter, Reed Dombach, Gordie Snyder, Jerry McDowell (bass guitar), Ronnie Angst (lead vocals), Phil Carry (lead guitar), Bo Eddy (drums), and Brigitte Walton.

They performed with Patti LaBelle and the Bluebells, Eddie Holman, The Cookies, Freddy "Boom Boom" Cannon and others.

1960s group out of Harrisburg.

#### MESSENGERS OF SOULS



JAYCEE-SPONSORED CONTEST — The Harrisburg group, "The Messengers of Soul," will play in the "Battle of Bands," being sponsored by the South Middleton Jaycees on Mar. 29 at 8 p.m. The contest will be held in Holland Union of Dickinson College. Members of the

"Messengers of Soul" are from Susquehanna, Bishop McDevitt, and Cedar" Cliff high schools. Tickets may be purchased from members of the participating bands, at Smith's Music House, or af the door. Carlisle newspaper clipping from March 1968.



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### NICKLE PLATE ROAD



Nickel Plate Road 1975 — with Bob Yoder, Molly Stahl, Dan Fitzpatrick, John Lewis, Karl Klinger and Trevor Deiter.

#### **PENTAGON**



Pentagon started in 1971 and are still performing (Coming to the Middletown Home Sept 8, 2024) They are finally calling it quits after 53 years and their last show will be on Friday, November 1st. In the 53 years they've been together there has been over 50 guys in that band. During their heyday, they traveled all over the country and occasionally out of the country and played 6 days a week and 49 weeks a year - EVERY YEAR! Now they only play a few dates per month (or less). Only Rich Claar and Jim Colestock have been with the band for the whole 53 years.

# THE PIXES THREE



Having performed in local shows since 1957, the Hanover, Pennsylvania trio of Midge Bollinger (lead vocals), Kaye McCool (low vocals), and Debra Swisher (high vocals) were signed to Mercury Records in 1963. Their hit song was "Birthday Party", which was used as an opening song to an episode of *Murphy Brown*.

2022 Class of the Central Pennsylvania Music Hall of Fame. The only all-women band on this list!



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# SHADES OF DOUBT



Band was late 1960's early 70s. Mechanicsburg area - Don Blessing(vocals), Jimmie Johansen (keyboard), Ed Earp (guitar), Bill Shaffer (drums after Fred Brillhart), and Randy Landau (bass).

### SUN MACHINE



Mid 1970s. Forest Brown (guitar), Ed Burke (bass), Eddie Wambach (vocals), Greg Johnson

Photo courtesy of Benjamin Blair King

# THE ACTIONS



Joe, Dean, Al and Frank from Middletown, Highspire, Hummelstown, and New Cumberland.

1967 Photo courtesy of Wally Smith.



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# THE CHANTAYS



The Chantays 1968-69 out of York, PA

1st Row: Emory Weedon, Cookie Wilson,

Fletcher Day

2nd Row: George Provost, Ed Clifford,

Mike Pritchard

3rd Row: Steve Kohr, Maury Eberly, Steve

Wayne, Winnie Provost

Photo courtesy of Michael Author.

#### THE BLUE REASONING



Later became Kitchen Sink.

## THE DEL CHORDS



The Del Chords (Harrisburg) were a white soul/Motown style of band that started around 1964 in the Harrisburg area and played until around 1970. Played at the Hershey Starlight Ballroom.

Notice the photo has them in front of The Raven.

Photo courtesy of Michael Trucco.

Alex ? (guitar) Rick? (bass), Ken Petroff (sax), Bill Harris (drums)



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#### THE DEL CHORDS



The Del Chords (York) played at White Oaks frequently and had more of an R&B sound.

Photo courtesy of Wally Smith.

Dave Bupp, Bill "Cheeks" Schlosser, Jeff Hildebrand, Jere Hetrick, Edward "Buck" Generette, Otto "Spike" Sexton, Edward "Ike" Bowers, Allen "Jap" Shue, Don Sponsler, Dale Saxon, Ernie Banks, Ron Searle, Larry Smith, Eddie Woltman or Adrian "Buddy" King.

"Everybody's Gotta Lose Someday" recorded in 1964 (doo-wop).

Harrisburg band – 1968 L-R Phil Zimmerman, Calvin Hunter, Jim Hankee, Rick Prayer, Jim Frank. Not pictured but also in band Del Brochious

Photo courtesy of Philip Zimmerman

#### THE DELTONES





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# THE EMPERORS



Band out of Harrisburg, hit song was "Karate" 1960s. They also played The Raven. Will be inducted into the Central PA Hall of Fame.

#### THE ENDELLS



1960s

Nicknamed "The Blue-eyed Soul Brothers"

Later *The Endells* merged with some of *The Del Chords* to became *The Magnificent Men.* 

Bob Angelucci (drums and leader), Tom Payne, Terry Crousore, John Corcoran, Tom Hoover, Pete Eckelt (bass), Larry Settles (vocals), Mit Palmer, John Scales, and Art Proctor

Released "Vicky" in 1963.

#### THE ENTERTAINERS



Band out of Harrisburg (1967-1969).

Originally called *The Wandering Kings* 



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#### THE FURYS



Tom Casey, Dave Shader, John Wilson (drums) and Bill Collier.

"I Walk Away" was one of their songs.

Photo courtesy of Michael Trucco

#### THE HYDRAULIC PEACH



Band out of Harrisburg. Started in 1969. Bill Maulfair (guitar, and head), Greg Johnson (organ and vocals), Kirk Bruner (drums, vocals), Rick Beard (lead guitar), Phil Coombs (bass), and Eddie Wambach (vocals).

Later - Bob Angelucci (drums), Daryl Bughman (drums) and Jim Leaman.

Opened for The Blues Image at the Zembo Mosque, for Iron Butterfly at the Farm Show, for Steppenwolf at Shippensburg University, and we were one of a couple openers for Jefferson Airplane at The Allentown Fairgrounds.

Photo courtesy of Wally Smith.

Gary Brandt (guitar)
Gary Berry (organ)
Denny Stover (drums)
Rich Carrera
Bob Carrera
Francis "Beatle Bailey" (vocals)

**Butch Kerstetter (vocals)** 

THE IMPERIALS



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# THE INTERPRETERS



From Steelton, 1967

Johnny Smith (drummer), "Smiley" (bass), Mark Brown (vocals), Jerome Garnett (vocals), Ronald Harrington (guitar), Alex Wiley (alto sax), Adam Elliot (tenor sax), John Boulware (vocals), Frank Arp (tambourine and manager).

#### THE MAGNIFICENT MEN



A white 1960s R&B band from LST, York and Harrisburg - *The Magnificent Men* drew their members from doo-wop groups called *The Endells* and *The Del-Chords*. Dave Bupp and Buddy King (vocals), with instrumental backing provided by the former Endells (Jim Seville, Bob Angelucci, Tom Hoover, keyboardist Billy Richter, who had replaced Tom Hoover in 1965, Terry Crousare and Tom Pane). They signed to Capitol Records and "Peace Of Mind" was released in 1965. The follow-up single was "Maybe, Maybe Baby", radio exposure for which brought them to the Apollo Theatre in New York.

See <u>www.lsthistoricpreservation.org</u> for both The Magnificent Men and The Raven.



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# THE MOLLY MAGUIRES



Mechanicsburg based 70s band. Bob Davis (vocals), Thom Watters (guitar), Mike Sansone (guitar), Dave Prueitt (bass), Dale Roat (deceased) (drums).

Later: Kirk Hassinger and Jim Adkins

Later morphed into *The Elvis Davis Band*.

#### THE NITROS



#### Palmyra area

L to R: Jere Hetrick, Greg Kindig, Bob Borkert and Doug Stechman.

Photo courtesy of Mike Sansoni

# THE NOBLE SOULS



#### 1966-1969

Jeff "Spanky" Miller, Larry Green, Lew Lloyd, Kevin Morrisey, Jerry Krantman, Wendell Wise, Tom Bottiger & Jeff Acri.

Photo courtesy of Steve Buch.

# THE OTHER SIDE



Frank Arant (lead guitar) Vinnie Kaloochie Freddy? Vince?

Photo courtesy of Wally Smith.



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THE ROCKIN' NOMADS	1964 - Gary Brandt (guitar) Gary Berry (organ) Denny Stover (drums) Paul Eshleman (vocals)
THE SCHOOL BOYS	1960s-1970s Cover Band who sang Acapella. Part of <i>The Exciting Invictas</i> beginnings. They sang beautifully per Jim Hurst.
	Houston Brown (1943-2015) (Shades – another band) "Pacer", "Baby Huey", Larry Arthur, Leonard Arthur, Jim (Leroy Ivan) Jefferies (1933-2022) and James E. "Jimmy" Noon (1938-2010)
THE SHAN-DELLS	Later photo of the Shan-Dells, after they added horns.  At top is Kenny Branoff (lead guitar), below him Dave Troutman (keyboard, trumpet) and Dave "Gino" Giorgini (drums) In front, left to right: Bob Bolash (rhythm guitar), Chuck Jones (vocals), Jeff Bowen (sax) and Harry Brewbaker (bass)  "Chimes"  Photo and info courtesy of Wally Smith.
THE SOULVILLE ALL-STARS	From Harrisburg, PA  Frank Shaffner (keyboard), Kirk Brunner (trombone and vocals), Rick Beard (guitar) Roger Endres (bass), Jim Criss (sax), Rick Brown (trumpet), Bernie Herr (drums), Milton Palmer (vocals), Rick Claar (vocals).  "I'm Gonna Get To You" and "Won't You Please Be My Girl"

Later morphed into the band LIFE.



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### THIRD STREAM



1970s band with Tom Strohman, Jim Miller, Jim Eastman, and John Piper. Phil DeAngelis, played guitar for a while.

3<sup>rd</sup> Stream was included in Central PA's Music Hall of Fame in 2022.

Photo courtesy of Third Stream.

**Note:** I did my best to give people credit for use of their photos after I gained permission. Please forgive any oversight. Most of the information was from **Bands from Central PA** Facebook page and would be a good place to find additional information if you are interested.