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## Local Spotlight - The Fab 5

On any given night in Houston performance halls, you can likely catch a band paying homage to their rock heroes. One of the best known tribute-groups is The Fab 5. The Nationally Acclaimed Texas-based Beatles/60s tribute band has played the mop tops' and british invasion timeless pop music for years, faithfully recreating their songs down to the very last chord. The Fab 5 member are Joe Baiardi on bass/vocals (also a Galveston resident at The Victorian Condos), Paul Byron on keyboards/vocals, Chuck Essick on rhythm guitar/vocals, Danny Kristensen on lead guitar/vocals ( Galveston BOI Born on the Island) and Rod Robert on drums/vocals.

They have been a fixture to the Houston Music Scene for over 28 years. They have also performed in Galveston Mardi Gras! Galveston 2004 with Peter Noone and Herman's Hermit's, Deep Purple, and others booked through The Brock Agency. In

Sept 2012, Sylvia Renée Adame, Assistant Executive Director of the Galveston Park Board, brought The Fab 5 back to Music Night On The Strand in Saengerfest Park and it has turned out to be the biggest event and most requested show yearly. Sadly she passed away April 8, 2013 the following year. Renée found special meaning in programs she initiated or played an active role in which sought to improve the lives of children in Galveston. Noteworthy among these are the Safe Haven Program, the Mitchell Substance Abuse Prevention Program, the GISD Trade Cottage and Galveston Sustainable Communities Alliance. In addition, she played an active role on numerous community boards. Renee's son Jeb Adame of US Backline continues to book consistent great entertainment for Galveston residents. Renee is missed by all but her spirit lives on every time we perform in Galveston.

A desire to recreate the spirit & enthusiasm of the British Invasion and America's subsequent retaliation led to the formation of The Fab 5 in November 1990. With their timeless tunes, 60s period Beatles suits & Carnaby Street Fashions, authentic Hofner, Rickenbacker, Gretsch and Ludwig vintage Beatles instruments, vintage British valve VOX amplification, style and humor representative of the times packaged in tight, production based performances, The Fab 5 have gained recognition as a leader in the fun-oldies tribute market. It is a sincere dedication, professionalism, & attention to detail that have become hallmarks of The Fab 5, as evidenced by their impressive client list. Relive the days of "Beatlemania" each time you see The Fab 5 as they perform songs live that The Beatles recorded but never themselves played before an audience. They are not only a Beatles tribute band, but one of the best 1960s tributes in the nation. In October 2007, The Fab 5 were also featured in The New Musical Express in England as one of the "Top Beatles Tribute bands in America". The Houston Press awarded The Fab 5 "Best Tribute/Cover Band" 5 years in a row! The Houston Chronicle called The Fab 5 "Houston's 10 Best Tribute Bands" in Texas. Keep in mind not only do they dress up like The Beatles, they REALLY do sound like the Beatles and play these timeless songs note for note (listen to their sound samples) and use the exact instrumentation. And to top it all off, Joe's toured with "The Cast of Beatlemania" now you've got One of The Best National Beatles Bands Around Town!

The Fab 5 have had the good fortune to share the stage with national acts as: Billy Gibbons (ZZ TOP/ Moving Sidewalks), Foghat, Blue Oyster Cult, Motley Crue, Three Dog Night, Steppenwolf, The Beach Boys, America, The Turtles, The Temptations, Peter Noone & Herman's Hermits, The Grassroots, Johnny Rivers, Tommy James & The Shondells, Chubby Checker, Gary Lewis & The Playboys, Little Richard, Paul

Revere & The Raiders, and may many more through the years. Whether it's a festival concert, private corporate function, high school reunion or a nightclub engagement, The Fab 5 consider it a great pleasure to bring to life some of the best music of the 60s, & 70s and to rekindle those special memories. To enjoy these anthems live and in color is what audiences of all ages have twisted, shimmied, and shook to for over 27 years (but who's counting?). Remember, The Fab 5 will always be "WHERE THE ACTION IS" and they look forward to seeing you at their next "SHINDIG" in Galveston, Texas. You can find more information on the band at [www.thefab5.net](http://www.thefab5.net) or their social media links on their website.

The Fab 5 at MUSIC ON THE STRAND  
Saturday, September 8 at 6 PM - 9 PM  
Saengerfest Park  
2302 Strand St, Galveston

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