



All-Star Band BIO

In 2018 several popular musicians and vocalists came together to create a sixties themed showband. The concept was three years in the making. Because of the background and history of some of the band members, their performances are as close to the original sixties sounds as any act could possibly recreate.

Their performance reflects the fabulous sounds of the sixties. During their show, band members often reflect on their participation and history with the original artists they were once a part of.

THE ORIGINAL STARFIRES, is an All-Star band featuring former members of:

- THE MAMAS & THE PAPAS
- THE BUCKINGHAMS
- SPANKY & OUR GANG
- THE MONROES
- PETER BAUMANN's MTV video "Strangers in the Night". Original vocalist
- THE OUTSIDERS, (Our now retired founder, Howard Blank was an original founding member of The Cleveland based Starfires. The Starfires eventually became known as The Outsiders after they recorded in 1965 a #5 Billboard hit, "Time Won't Let Me". As the Outsiders, they released the song along with several other hit songs.

LAURIE BEEBE LEWIS

The bands lead female vocalist has led an amazing life in rock n' roll. The former lead singer of the latter-day MAMAS & THE PAPAS, Lewis was with that group for seven years, alongside original members John Phillips and Denny Doherty.

Lewis spent time writing, touring, and recording with THE BUCKINGHAMS as a vocalist and keyboardist, ultimately on the road for three years and featured on the 1985 *Happy Together* Tour.

She was also a member of SPANKY AND OUR GANG, and recorded with GARY PUCKETT on his albums, "*Time Pieces*" and "*Is This Love*" including a duet with Gary.

More recently Lewis performed with SUZI QUATRO and The Pleasure Seekers, as well as taking part in the recording of, "*If I Had The Time, I Could change the world*" with rock legend DICK WAGNER and music icons MARK FARNER, TRINI LOPEZ, ELLIOT EASTON and MERRILEE RUSH (amongst many more) for the DICK WAGNER REMEMBER THE CHILD CONCERT, to benefit St Jude Children's Hospital.

ELI HOLLAND

The bands lead male vocalist. Eli is a powerful performer. Holland is also a prolific songwriter. His best-known song is a collaboration with electronica pioneer and Tangerine Dream founder, Peter Baumann; the 1983 turntable MTV hit, "*Strangers in the Night*." The Original Starfires recently recorded three of Eli's songs that are featured on their album titled "Fly Me Away".

LORI WILSON

Vocalist Lori Wilson performed throughout the west coast at many large attractions such as Sea World, Wild Animal Park and Disneyland as well as USO shows. She also performed as a back-up singer with the popular 80's group The MONROES, best known for their 1983 hit "What Do All the People Know".

OTHER BAND MEMBERS

ANDY TIRPAK. Guitar and vocals

MIKE WILEY. Bass guitar

JOEY WEST. Keyboard

CAT ZEMAN, Drums