

SoulShine...

is an Indianapolis-based band with members from legendary acts such as Henry Lee Summer, Carl Storie, The Why Store, and The Bob and Tom Band. SoulShine has just released a self-titled CD which is an editor's pick on CD Baby and will begin rotation on WTTS 92.3 in June. SoulShine's live show combines original music, described as a new millennium version of a funky 70's horn band, with covers from such artists as Blood Sweat and Tears, Aretha Franklin, Earth Wind and Fire, and Rare Earth.

Meet the Band...

Greg Baker: Bass, Vocals

Prior to SoulShine, Greg Baker played bass in several notable Indianapolis bands including **Henry Lee Summer**, and **Carl Storie**. In the 90's he was a member of the band Pod who was signed to **Columbia Records** and toured with **Cinderella** and **Tesla**. During his career, Greg has played bass on numerous recording projects at several Indianapolis recording studios such as **TRC**, **September**, **The Lodge**, and **Static Shack** including his latest CD, SoulShine. In 2007 Greg earned his **Masters degree in Music Technology from Indiana University**. Also, while completing his Bachelor's Degree, Greg studied jazz improvisation with legendary jazz performer, educator and composer **David Baker**. Greg is known around Indy for his professional attitude, his ability to play several different styles of music, and his talent for learning material in a moment's notice. Greg's funky bass lines are the groove behind the SoulShine sound.

Rhonda Baker: Vocals, Percussion, Keys

Before SoulShine, Rhonda performed with several Indiana legends such as **Jimmy Ryser**, **Henry Lee Summer**, and **Carl Storie**. Rhonda is also an accomplished songwriter with three CDs of original music to her credit, including her latest CD, SoulShine. Throughout her career, Rhonda has worked as a jingle singer in Indianapolis for **Bennett Innovations**, **TRC studios**, and **Bushor Recordings**. Recently, Rhonda earned a **Masters degree** and is in the process of finishing her **Doctorate** in Music Education at **Indiana University** with minors in Jazz Vocal Performance and Ethnomusicology. While at IU, Rhonda studied jazz voice with renowned vocalist **Rachel Caswell**; jazz improvisation, jazz history and jazz vocals with legendary jazz musician **David Baker**; and jazz piano with the great **J. Michael Lucas**. Rhonda's soulful vocals and lyrics are the passion behind SoulShine's music.

Brian Baker: Lead guitar, vocals

Brian has played guitar in several national touring bands and in the 90's shared the stage with national acts such as **Shy** and **Jade**. Recently he fronted and played guitar in the Indianapolis-based band **Johnny Rock**. Brian played guitar on the SoulShine CD and has also recorded with several other Indianapolis bands. Besides playing guitar, Brian has been the **head sound engineer** at Indy's **World Mardi Gras** and **Birdy's NightClub** where he has worked with several local and national acts such as **Carl Storie**, **Chris Daughtry**, **Vanilla Ice**, **Joe Bonamassa**, **C+C Music Factory**, **Quiet Riot**, **Hootie & the Blowfish**, **Loverboy**, **The Wiggs**, **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**, and **Tone-Loc**. His funky guitar playing is the energy behind the SoulShine music.

Charlie Bushor: Drums, Vocals

Charlie Bushor achieved national recognition as a member of the MCA Record's **The Why Store**, who toured with such artists as **Ziggy Marley** and **John Mellencamp** and appeared on **Late Night with Conan O'Brien**. Recently, Charlie also played in **The Kenny Brack Band** (IRL champion and the 1999 **Indianapolis 500** winner). In Indianapolis, Charlie is a **first-call studio drummer**. He has also produced several recording projects including the SoulShine CD and has worked as a jingle producer with his famous father **Skeet Bushor**. Charlie also wrote a drum method book that was published by **Hal Leonard**. This funky drummer does not simply lay down a groove...he digs a trench.

Meet...The SoulRays (SoulShine's funky horn section)

John Garrett: Trombone, percussion

Besides working with SoulShine, John also plays trombone in **The Bob and Tom Band**. When he is not touring, John scores and produces music for **HBO, ABC, NBC, Cinemax, Discovery, A&E, CNN, Ford, McDonalds, 7-Up**, and for many artists such as **John Mellencamp, Alan Jackson, Amy Grant, Toby Keith**, etc. In addition, John has served as Music Director and Arranger for many national conventions and TV shows. John has also won numerous national and international awards for his work including two **Emmys**, a **Clio**, a **Telly**, and an **Addy**. John's bone talents draw crowds, especially of the female variety, to SoulShine's shows.

Josh Weirich: Alto & Tenor sax, clarinet, flute

Prior to performing with SoulShine, Josh played with **The Temptations, George Clinton, Sandi Patty, Randy Brecker, Five By Design, Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, MidCoast Swing Orchestra, Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra, Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra**, and **The Guy and Ralna All Star Show**. In 2001 Josh received a **Grammy Nomination** for his performance of "Backburner" by Frank Ticheli. Besides performing, Josh teaches at Zionsville Middle School in Indiana and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Jazz Studies from **Butler University** in Indianapolis. Josh's solos never fail to bring the crowd to their feet!

Gary Graziano: Trumpet and flugelhorn

Before performing with SoulShine, Gary performed with such acts as **Lynard Skynard, Aretha Franklin, Maureen McGovern, Frankie Valley, Ben Vereen, Johnny Mathis, The 5th Dimension, The Temptations, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Marie Osmond, Fred Travalino, The Supremes, The Four Tops**, and **Charo**. Gary has studied music at **Indiana University** and **Butler University** as well as receiving a bachelor's degree from **University of Louisville**. Besides touring, Gary maintains a large teaching studio of private trumpet students. Gary's trumpet playing is the energy behind the SoulRay sound!