

JOE

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI

Description: Outlaw Roots Americana Surf



JOE GALLENBERGER - Vocals, Guitars, Songs

Joe Gallenberger describes himself as "a singer-songwriter and a hobbyist" when it comes to music. JOE, the band, started some twenty years ago as a band called, "Spock, the Novelist". JOE became a reality within the last year as a result of Joe Gallenberger's refocus on songwriting out of which has sprung a wealth of quirky and intelligent songs.

Joe started in the music instrument business as a teenager working in retail stores, eventually becoming the owner of the world-renowned Cream City Music - a mecca for all things guitar.

JEFF KLYZUB - Vocals, Guitars, Mandolin, Dobro, Harmonica, Mandocello and other assorted unusual instrumentation

BOB 'HOT DOG' MUELLER - drums, stoicism

Forty-plus years on the SE Wisconsin music scene. The driving force behind a range of bands spanning Bill Camplin's Woodbine to virtually every A-list blues combo (Short Stuff, Billy Flynn, Raw Rockers, Leroy Airmaster) and Camplin's current ensemble.

PAUL WEHRLEY - Bass guitar

Although Paul played trombone in marching band while in high school, he did not envision trombone as his musical nexus. A couple of friends needed a bass player and Paul, always the organizer, agreed. From 1974 - 1982 Paul co-founded and played with both RIO and Arroyo, two of the region's seminal Country Rock bands. His early immersion in that genre provided a deep connection with Bill Camplin's material. After his four year stint with Arroyo, he became one of region's top studio engineers, typically working out of Waukesha's Breezeway studios producing albums for many regional and national Artists. During this time he also played for many years with local cover rock band, Plumb Loco. Today, Paul is a property manager and lives in Elm Grove with his wife Jane.

JASON KLAGSTAD - Guitars, backing vocals

Jason is considered one of the top live and studio musicians in the Milwaukee area and has been playing professionally for over 45 years.

He has been a member of several area and nationally known bands, including stints with Howie Epstein (Tom Petty), Jerry Harrison (Talking Heads), Arroyo, Color Radio, Warner Bros. recording artist, Semi-Twang, Bill Camplin (since 1974) and the local rock band favorite, Plumb Loco. His distinctive guitar playing style has been featured on many recordings. With Peter Buffett, for example, he recorded film, TV and recording projects, appearing on 3 Buffett albums and the soundtrack for the Kevin Costner television special, 500 Nations. During his performing/recording career, Jason also ran several area music stores, including his own - Big Music, a specialty music instrument store, until the mid 1990's. Up until recently, Jason headed the Entertainment Group at GMR Marketing, a top event marketing company based in New Berlin, Wisconsin.