

EXIT ★ 147
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PRESS KIT & BAND INFO



ABOUT EXIT 147

What began as a simple idea over dinner in 2007, has since grown into one of Chicago's premier party bands consistently filling rooms and leaving the audience wanting more.

Exit 147 is an Arlington Heights, IL based cover band with over a century of combined years of recording and live performance experience. From local bars, parties, country clubs and festivals, Exit 147 has built a loyal fan base with fun, fan inclusive shows.

Complementary guitars, an unmatched rhythm section and 3-part harmonies makes for high energy shows and a loyal following. From Journey, Kid Rock and The Doobie Brothers to The Beastie Boys, Blake Shelton and Bon Jovi, Exit 147 covers all genres.

It is our goal each and every time we play to fill the room, engage the crowd, add a few new fans and have fun. If people walk away with a song in their head that brought back a memory or two, then we have succeeded.

Get off at EXIT 147...you will love it.



MEMBER BIO's

Matt Pablecas – Lead Vocals & Acoustic Guitar

Stepping out from behind the drum kit but bringing all the same energy, Matt Pablecas is one of the best and most respected singers on the live music scene today. His ability to immediately grab hold of an audience while delivering unmatched vocals is a true advantage for Exit 147. Whether a 70's rock classic, a country hit or a modern pop song, Matt always delivers an unmatched, full throttle performance start to finish.

Jim Tinaglia – Guitar & Vocals

The heavy lifting specialist Jim Tinaglia provides all the lead guitar work for Exit 147. A long time bass player who picked up the guitar to start Exit 147, Jim has over 30 years of experience in the studio and on stage as a live performer in all different genres. From Country to Rock, his limitless talent and passion for playing is evident from the first note he plays.

Joe Ferrazza - Guitar

The Swiss Army Knife of the band, Joe has applied his love for all types of music to his playing. With over 25 years of live playing experience that grew from his days as a lead guitar player in college, Joe provides the backbone rhythm guitar work and backing vocals.

Brian Sheridan - Bass Guitar & Vocals

It's all about the bass...no treble. Brian's style of playing provides a powerful element to the band that is both exciting and unique. In addition to slapping the bass, Brian routinely holds the band together with his vocal ability. Whether onstage at Lollapalooza or a local bar, Brian has the unique ability to eloquently fill a room with his high harmonies and low driving bass.

TJ Wilkes – Drums & Percussion

The driving force of Exit 147, TJ Wilkes is without question the foundation of the band. His rock solid timing provides the band the perfect platform to build on. Given his wide array of influences, from Rock to Jazz to Country, Wilkes can carry everything the band takes on.

Robert "Doc" Watson – Keyboard & Vocals

The funk is here to stay with Bob in the band. He brings a style and energy simply not seen anywhere else. Bob has performed with local acts Infinity, Bostyx and Frontiers. In addition, he has performed with many groups including, Winton Marsalis, Pat Metheny, and Dave Grusin. With Bob on the keys, there is no end to what E147 can take on and perform live.

SONG LIST

A focus on a variety of genres and styles is why we appeal to such a wide audience. Here are just some of the well-known songs from the 60's through today Exit 147 currently performs:

- Any Way You Want It
- Don't Stop Believin'
- The Middle
- American Band
- Glory Days
- Hard to Handle
- Summer of '69
- Cake By The Ocean
- Mr. Brightside
- China Grove
- Footloose
- Hey Jealousy
- Surrender
- Pink Houses
- All The Small Things
- All Summer Long
- Everybody Talks
- Play That Funky Music
- Born To Run
- Slide
- Where the Streets Have No Name
- Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy
- Sweet Caroline
- Jenny Jenny 8675309
- What I Like About You
- Shut Up and Dance With Me
- I Saw Her Standing There
- You Give Love a Bad Name
- Livin' on a Prayer
- Wanted Dead or Alive
- Closer to Free
- Harder to Breathe
- You May Be Right
- Bad Case of Loving You
- Nothin' But a Good Time
- Jump
- Come Sail Away
- Who Says You Can't Go Home
- Lay Your Hands On Me
- Jessie's Girl
- R.O.C.K. in the USA
- Dim
- Cherry Cherry
- Your Love
- Boys Are Back In Town
- Magic Carpet Ride
- Talk Dirty to Me
- Magic Carpet Ride
- Talk Dirty to Me



- Mustang Sally
- Long Train Runnin'
- Country Girl Shake It For Me
- Sweet Home Alabama
- I'm a Believer

GIG SHEET & HISTORY

The members of Exit 147 have performed at venues throughout Chicagoland for the last 30 years. Listed is a small sampling of the clubs, venues and events we have experience and success playing at. In addition, we have numerous corporate clients for whom we have played their various business meetings and conferences.

*Lolopalooza, Chicago, IL
Dirty Nellies – Palatine, IL
WGN TV – Chicago, IL
Shank Hall – Milwaukee, WI
Summer Fest – Milwaukee, WI
Taste of Chicago – Chicago, IL
Joe’s Live – Rosemont, IL
Cubby Bear Lounge – Chicago, IL
Harry’s of Arlington – Arlington Hts, IL*

*Ravinia – Highland Park, IL
H.O.M.E. Bar – Arlington Hts, IL
Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL
The Rave, Milwaukee, WI
House of Blues – Chicago
Lakeview Links – Chicago, IL
Fitzgerald’s – Berwyn, IL
Cubby Bear North – Lincolnshire, IL
Tootsie’s – Nashville, TN*

*Frontier Days – Arlington Hts, IL
Taste of Arlington – Arlington Hts, IL
Fourth Fest – Hoffman Estates, IL
Lions 4th Fest – Mount Prospect, IL
Prospect Block Party – Prospect Hts, IL
Grayslake Days – Grayslake, IL
56 Music Fix – Mt. Prospect, IL
Inverness Country Club
Rolling Green CC
Biltmore CC
Barrington Hills CC
Royal Melbourne CC
Chicago Auto Show Black Tie for Charity
St. Baldrick’s Day Fundraiser of Childhood Cancer*



SOUND & EQUIPMENT

Exit 147 provides their own sound equipment, lighting, set up and sound management. Our turn key approach allows us to match our equipment with the needs of each individual room while playing at levels that are appealing to both the audience and management.

Our typical plug-and-play performance equipment includes:

- *Complete Sound Equipment*
 - *QSC KW 181 Powered Subwoofers*
 - *QSC K12 Powered Mains*
 - *16,18, 24 & 32 channel Mixing board & console*
 - *Stage & Wireless Microphones*
 - *iPod audio connection*
- *Lights*
- *Lasers*
- *Confetti Cannon*
- *Fog & Haze Machines*
- *Signage & Banners*



TESTIMONIALS

“Exit 147 is one of the few bands that I insist on having every year at Frontier Days. Beyond the fact that they are great guys, their vast catalog and great energy always makes for a incredible set. They have an ever growing following and I know this for a fact, the crowd always grows during their sets. Book them now!”

*Lars Ohrstrom
Arlington Heights Frontier Days Event Coordinator*

“My husband and I hired Exit147 to perform at my parent’s 40th wedding anniversary. It was a small, intimate event including parents, grandparents and children. We didn’t want anything too big yet we really wanted to have fun. Exit147 came equipped with all acoustic instruments and light percussion. They played all the songs we loved from the 60’s, 70’s 80’s 90’s and today but in an acoustic style. It was like an unplugged rock concert. The band was so engaging and everybody had a great time. The band was even great with the kids, letting them strum the instruments, play the bongos and sing in the microphones. This band met all our expectations and more!!”

*Erin Yonkus
Barrington, IL*

“Exit 147 has been a crowd pleaser at our annual Taste of Arlington Heights entertaining the crowds of over 10,000 attendees. Their music and vocals nail the cover tunes that everyone not only wants to hear, but also sign along with! Each band member brings a high energy performance and interacts with the crowd to get them excited about being there and having fun. This is a band that is easy to work with and easily delivers far above your expectations!”

*Jon S. Ridler
Executive Director
Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce
Taste of Arlington Heights Co-Founder*



TESTIMONIALS

"I've booked Exit 147 in a variety of settings from private parties to nightclub and concert events. They have consistently delivered with rave reviews and remain one of my first picks for clients looking for a great party band."

*Andrew Blake
Tailor Made Talent Group*

"We have used Exit 147 the last five years for our band bash fundraiser. Their professionalism, preparation, and attention to detail are evident working with us and the venue to make sure the show will be great. Every year they have put on a long-lasting and high energy show the audience loved. Their music selection has something for everyone and they really know how to get the crowd involved. Fun times for all!"

*Mike Roth
John Hersey High School Athletic Boosters*

"I have had the pleasure of booking Exit 147 for two of the biggest events at Rolling Green Country Club. Their professionalism begins with the booking process to the load in, sound check and beyond. The only thing more impressive is their performance and ability to engage the audience. They kept the dance floor filled from the first song to the final encore. They played for three straight hours without a break! We look forward to having them play the club for years to come."

*Dennis O'Connell
Rolling Green Country Club*

TESTIMONIALS

“Exit 147 is a band that I would highly recommend for any event. They are a group of professional guys that love playing music and are great at it! They are entertaining, personable, and a pure enjoyment to watch. The band was first recommended to us by a friend who seen them play at a social event. We were looking for a band to play for our wedding reception at the Tribune Tower in Chicago. Our number one goal was to make sure the guests were having a great time. Exit 147 exceeded our expectations! In addition, we requested they learn a song for our first dance. Matt nailed it! “



*Rick and Terri LaPiana
Married: September 20th, 2014*

“We have been very fortunate to have Exit 147 play at several Village events as well as some private events that I have booked them for. They are a very high energy band and really involve the crowd. Their lead singer frequently goes out into the audience and the crowd really feels they are part of the show. I would highly recommend them for whatever event you are planning whether an outdoor festival or an indoor event. They can fit the music to your audience. They are very easy to work with and always conduct themselves very professionally.”

*Neil Scheufler
Arlington Heights Special Events Commission*

BOOKING & CONTACT INFO

BOOKING

Contact us to book the band by calling or e-mailing T.J. Wilkes at 847 721-8528 or management@exit147.com.

PRODUCTION/ADVANCE

E-Mail us for information about production, stage plot, load in, sound check, etc to mangement@exit147.com.

MARKETING

We are happy to provide marketing materials upon request. In addition we will co-brand with your establishment to create materials that meet your selected criteria.



