



ALL ABOUT THE BAND!

Steve Melia – Guitar & Vocals

Steve was born in Kansas City, Missouri. The family re-located to Billings, Montana in the mid-seventies. He has played in numerous popular bands throughout the region ever since. Some of these include Groove Wax, Strange Brew (with Lindsey Jacobsen), The Jared Stewart Band and the Hideaway Blues band. Many of these bands in the past have included one or both of the other musicians in Stiletto. Steve sings and plays guitar as well as other numerous instruments. His main influences include Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) and Ritchie Blackmore (Deep Purple). Over the years he has had the pleasure of opening shows for many name artists in the music industry including Rick Derringer, Jeff Healey, Black Oak Arkansas and Jimmy Cliff to mention a few. His fingers first graced a guitar fingerboard at a very young age and he started playing professionally at the age of fifteen years old and has been doing so ever since.

Roger Strosky – Bass & Vocals

Roger was born in Rapid City, South Dakota. Growing up being greatly influenced by his father, Gene Strosky, an accomplished “Jazz Drummer/Percussionist”, he started out on the trumpet before taking on several instruments including drums and guitar, both of which he still plays, before choosing the BASS as his first and main instrument. Growing up he lived in Los Angeles California, Billings Montana, Cleveland Ohio and Chicago Illinois. Over these years he witnessed performances by many artists from the Jazz, Swing, Blues and Rock Fields which contributed a greatly to his development as a musician. In 1967 while residing in Chicago he acquired his first Bass at the age of thirteen. He has played many different styles of music at either local venues or on the road in which he has toured 35 states, 3 Canadian provinces and Europe throughout Norway, Sweden and Denmark. He also lived and played in the Seattle area in the late 70’s. Rog re-located from Billings to Phoenix Arizona in February 1990 living there almost 30 years. He has played many different styles of music at either local venues or on the road in which he has toured 35 states, 3 Canadian provinces and Europe throughout Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Some of the artists he has shared stages with include Black Oak Arkansas, Mike Reid, Clay Walker, Ricochet, Wade Hayes, Chris LeDoux, Tanya Tucker, and Brad Paisley. Other notable events include the Karlskoga Blues Festival in Karlskoga Sweden and the Lillehammer Blues Festival in Lillehammer Norway.

John Culbertson – Drums & Vocals

John was born in Billings Montana. He started playing drums in 6th grade band class. As well as playing in garage bands as a teenager. John began playing professionally around Billings in the later 70’s as well as touring experience working out of Phoenix Arizona, Denver Colorado and Vancouver British Columbia, Canada and touring the western United States and Canada. John has spent the past 20 years with regional legendary blues artist Jared Stewart. Working with Jared they recorded two albums as well as playing many shows and opening for many major artists which also included the main stage at the Rockin’ the Rivers Festival for 15 years. John also played drums on songwriter Wade Montgomery’s album titled “Montgomery Montgomery”. Some of the artists that he has shared the stage with include Sammy Hagar, Rick Derringer, Nightranger and Joan Jett. Having around 50 favorite drummers Johns main influences are Ian Paice, Carmine Appice, John Bonham, Neil Peart, Bobby Caldwell and Denny Carmassi. John loves the power and soul of hard rock and hard rocking blues.