THE MICHAEL ALLMAN BAND BIO

MICHAEL ALLMAN -

Michael Allman is the 1st born son of Legendary Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member of the Allman Brothers, Greg Allman. Michael's bluesy soulful voice and look is very reminiscent of his father in his prime! Michael has shared the stage with many well-known artists through the years and continues to put smiles on the faces of his fans every time he gets on stage and starts belting out the sounds.

"Hard Labor Creek" - If Michael's evocative singing was the only attraction on Michael Allman's Hard Labor Creek, it would still be worth hearing, but there is a lot more going on than that. Some of the most gifted musicians in Georgia, from young slide guitar phenom Tony Tyler to Motown alumnus and keyboard legend Ike Stubblefield, contribute to the overall sound of this remarkable record. Tyler's slide and keyboard work are an essential part of the sound of Hard Labor Creek, adding just the right touch without overpowering the song. Stubblefield kicks serious butt here, showing why he is a first-call session player, and his production contribution is one reason this CD sounds so darn good. Soulful backing vocals by Atlanta local favorite Diane Durrett and percussion from Derek Trucks Band drummer Yonrico Scott flesh out the songs. The one and only Col. Bruce Hampton also makes a memorable cameo appearance. While Michael Allman's Hard Labor Creek stands on its own merits, he isn't ashamed of his heritage, and there are several references to his famous father. "Laid Back" written by Sonny Tackett, was inspired by Gregg's classic album of the same name. "If Dreams Were Money" was actually written for Gregg years ago by veteran Boston musician Bruce Marshall.

Still, the spotlight is firmly on Michael, who wrote four of the songs on the CD, and delivers each tune with the kind of thoughtful approach that squeezes the inner meaning out of every word. The lyrics in songs like "Running Alone Again", "It Ain't Me" and "Circus Full of Clowns" address universal topics like love and loss in a way that any listener can relate to.

Michael has played numerous stages throughout the years in front of thousands. Here are a few notable places and events -

- BB Kings West Palm Beach FL, and BB Kings Nashville
- Taste of Chicago Blues Festival
- Daytona Beach Band shell
- 2010 Laconia Bike Week.
- 42nd annual Woodstock
- Dunedin Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Festival
- 2013 BIKE WEEK 2013 FOR BOOT HILL SALOON * NEW*

He has toured as a solo artist up and down the eastern seaboard from the Keys to Maine He has played with Devon Allman, Artimus Pyle (Original Lynyrd Skynyrd drummer), Georgia Satellites, Derrick St Holmes, Toler/Townsend Band, and Paula Nelson

Drummer- Rich Russo

Born in Stamford, Connecticut 5/12/1969 Raised in Tampa, Florida Age 43

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Began playing drums at age 13. Began playing professionally at age 23.

- Joined the Mike Pachelli Group in 1992, playing local venues and the drummer on the weekly TV show "The Mike Pachelli Show" 1992-1998. CD Recordings with Mike Pachelli: In the Now, Tube Driven, For Now Forever, Noise Travels, E'lectricte'.
- Sean Chambers Band 1994-2000, CD Recording: Strong Temptation 1998 (with Sean most notable performances: Sarasota Bluesfest 1994. Also, have opened for Tommy Castro, Jimmy Thackery, Molly Hatchet and B.B. King. Also, was the opening band and Backing Band for the Legendary Hubert Sumlin)
- Played with Sherman Robertson in 1998.

Drummer for Andrew W.K. 2002-2012

- CD Recordings with Andrew W.K.: Close Calls With Brick Walls, Mother of Mankind, I Get Wet (re-release 2012)
- DVD Recordings: Andrew W.K. Who Knows

With Andrew W.K. tour date highlights include:

- Van's Warped Tour 2002, 2003, 2004, 2010,
- Ozzfest 2002
- Hohaiyan Rock Festival in Fulong Beach Taiwan 2004 (50,000 audience)
- Summer Sonic Japan 2006 (20,000 audience)
- Busan Rock Fest Seoul Korea 2006 (12,000 audience)
- Big Day Out Festival in Australia 2011, British Broadcast Radio 2012, Conan O'Brien Show 2012, SXSW- Austin Texas - 2010, 2012
- Endorsements:
- Gretsch Drums, Gibraltar Hardware, Sabian Cymbals, Evans Drum Heads, Vic Firth Drumsticks, Gator Cases.

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Shawn Paige -Guitar

Age-38

Born in Somers Point NJ, Raised at the Jersey Shore, Began playing guitar at age 12 Started playing in various Bands in the late 1980's at the Jersey Shore.

- Played in various bands and venues up until the late 90's
- Moved to Florida in 2003
- Started the Shawn Paige Blues Band in 2009
- Has played the Cotee River Bike Fest, Hudson seafest, and Chasco Festival
- Played alongside with Blues greats Mike Dugan, and Paul Plumeri.
- Have opened for National Recording Artists Eric Brittingham(of Cinderella) Sean Chambers,
 Damon Fowler, and Southern Hospitality.

Endorsements-Rockett Pedals.

Marc Diaz-Bass Player

born and raised in the Beautiful island of Puerto Rico

Marc began learning the bass at tender age 9

Marc studied and graduated from the arts school in Carolina P.R.

He also attended the interamerican university

Marc has perform with finest musicians from all over the world here in Tampa

- Marc is also part of Mark Shane's hurricanes
- Played with –
- Jake Mackey band, Walker smith group, The Trunk band, Jimi Griswold, Brian Leneschmidt, Jody young, Sarasota slim, Shawn brown and many others

Mark Shane-Guitar

Started playing his mother's guitar at the age of 8 and never looked back. Turned on to great guitar rock and country music by his musician uncles early on.

- At age 25 he got into his first band, a blues band that was voted most working band in the bay area for that year. After that he was hired to play base in different blues band until they heard him play guitar. In 1998 he got hired into a rock band and it took about a year to realize he needed to be the leader so he started his own southern-rock / blues band called the Trunk band who also doubled as an Allman Brothers tribute band that toured the south east, played every festival around and had the great fortune of opening show for such esteemed acts as Charlie Daniels, Montgomery gentry, Grateful Dead with Bob Dylan, Neal Young, Blue oyster Cult, Iron Butterfly, Steve Morse and The Dixie Dregs, Pat Travers, Molly Hatchet and many more. When that band refused to make an album effort he decided it was time to start a new band named after himself and Mark Shane's Hurricanes was born.
- Mark Shane has also been the house guitarist at Tubb's music, A recording studio owned an operated by Bob Langford.
- 2013, Michael Allman called to say that he was coming to town to meet him. They hit it off and Mark assembled the very best players in the area to form The Michael Allman Band and the future is bright

Lonny Sarao Piano/Keys/Organ

Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and raised not too far from the city, Lonny Sarao is a multifaceted performer. As a piano bar entertainer, he has traveled worldwide on cruise ships such as Norwegian Cruise Line and Holland America Line. His experience on the "Dueling Pianos" circuit gives him the extra spark to put your event over the top. Lonny is just as comfortable in a small, cozy setting playing old favorites as he is on a big stage pounding out current party songs to an enthusiastic crowd. His personality will win you over, whether you are speaking to him one on one or interacting with him during a lively sing-a-long.

Lonny Sarao has also performed as a lead vocalist, guitarist, drummer, and bassist for weddings and corporate functions with Catalyst Entertainment or in groups such as Let's Get Rockin or Cheers The Band. You might also find him jamming along with his friends in various clubs and casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey, or anywhere in Florida.

Lonny currently resides in Orlando and Tampa Bay areas in Florida.