

Fade2Blue

BLUEGRASS



Joe Alles

Lead and tenor vocals, banjo, fiddle

Joe comes from a large musical family. He sang on stage for the first time at 2 years old and began playing the banjo at age 10. At age 12, he started performing with "The Geels Family". For the next 15 years he played festivals and state parks in Indiana. During this time Joe competed in numerous instrument contests winning many awards including The Indiana State Banjo Championship in both 1992 and 1993. In 1993, Joe formed a band with Jason Mowery (of "The Wreckers"). After moving to Nashville, TN, he has performed with the bands "Ever Since Now", and "Now and Then". In early 2008, he teamed with Steve Mofield, Bill Scott, and Brian Merchant to form " Fade2Blue Bluegrass" Joe's smooth, soulful voice and unwavering high standards for musical composition make his arrangements unique, and memorable.

Brian Merchant

lead and tenor vocals, upright bass

Brian plays the bass for "Fade2Blue". He started playing at the age of ten performing regularly for family and friends. When fresh out of High School, he formed a group that was a regular at various venues in and around the Nashville, Tennessee area. In February 2008, he ran into long time friend Steve Mofield. Steve asked if he would be interested in forming a new group along with other friends from former groups. Brian said yes and "Fade2Blue Bluegrass" was born! Brian is an accomplished bass player, but is equally talented on guitar. He has a great ear for arrangements and can always be called upon to assist with the recording process. Brian's dynamic lead and tenor vocals are an integral part of "Fade2Blue's" sound.



Steve Mofield

baritone vocals, guitar

Steve began playing guitar at 8 years old. He experimented with various styles and genres of music. Throughout the 1980's he performed in several bands throughout the Nashville, TN Area. In 1988 Steve attended a bluegrass festival with his father. It was then that he began to focus primarily on acoustic/bluegrass music. Steve has played for several area bluegrass bands such as "Now and Then", "Hear and Now", and "Blackjack Ridge". Steve is not only accomplished on the guitar, he is also quite proficient on the mandolin. Steve's unique driving rhythm style, exciting flat-picking, and warm baritone voice all reveal the passion he has for the music he plays.

Bill Scott

bass vocals, mandolin

Bill has been playing music for over 35 years. His enthusiastic and tasteful mandolin sound stems from a diverse musical background. He studied jazz and classical music while performing the club circuit throughout the Southeastern United States. Thanks to the generous, humble spirit in the bluegrass community, he has been able to meet, and learn from many of the bluegrass greats he so admires. Such as Cherryholmes, Jimmy Martin, Roland White, and many others. Bill has played with several Nashville based bluegrass bands. He handles most of the emcee work for "Fade2Blue". Bill gives thanks to God, who makes all things possible, and to his wife and children for their unfailing support.

