



RUTABAGA BROTHERS BAND PROFILE

The Rutabaga Brothers band is an upbeat and danceable R & B combo that puts taps in your toes and smiles on your faces. With selections by such artists as Wilson Pickett, Muddy Waters, Eric Clapton, Huey Lewis, Charlie Musselwhite, Eddie Floyd, Etta James, B.B. King, Jimmy Reed and many others, The Brothers will have you rockin' your blues away. That's the secret to the blues: Listening to it makes you feel happy.

In existence since 2011, The Rutabaga Brothers are an 8-piece ensemble featuring some of Southeast Minnesota's most seasoned musicians. Their bios are listed below:

Damon Prestemon – Keyboard, Vocals - The soul of the band, Damon has performed with groups all over Minnesota for the past 30 years. He is the host of Laneboro's *Over the Back Fence* radio show, a post he has held for the past 20+ years.

David Harrenstein – Bass, Keyboard, Vocals – Dave has played in bands throughout Iowa and Minnesota since the mid-seventies. He loves classical music, along with Blues, Motown and Cajun music.

Craig Johnson – Percussion – Craig's steady rhythm has been the foundation of many ensembles of many genres in the Southeast Minnesota area. He also contributes his time playing with several community theater orchestras for theatrical musicals.

Gary Marcoux – Guitar – A dentist by day, Gary is Southeast Minnesota's up-and-coming blues guitarist. He loves the blues and contributes an occasional vocal.

John Gaddo – Percussion, Bass, Keyboard – A versatile musician, John started with the Rutabaga Brothers playing Congas, but quickly added bass and keyboard to his portfolio. His trumpet skills will be added soon.

Keith Zeller – Guitar, Vocals – Keith plays with many groups in Southeast Minnesota. An accomplished jazz, rock and country guitarist, Keith has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mid-American Music Hall of Fame and is a member of the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Lee Loerch – Harmonica – Sounding a bit like Sonny Boy Williamson, Lee's blues harp makes the Rutabaga Brothers a true blues band.

Nathan Davidson – Saxophone – A retired high school music teacher, Nate's soulful saxophone puts the rock into rockin' blues. He also plays with the Lost Faculties band and the CBB Jazz Combo.

Phil Dybing – Sound Guy Extraordinaire – The Rutabaga Brothers use Classic Concert Enhancement for its sound reinforcement and Phil takes care to mix the band's audio in a clear and artful manner. His mix allows each note played to be experienced in a personal way by each member of the audience.

Rutabaga Brothers Links:

- Website: <http://www.rutabagabrothers.com>
- Digital Music Clips: <http://clips.rutabagabrothers.com>
- Performance Schedule: <http://gigs.rutabagabrothers.com>
- Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rutabagabrothers>