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Celebrating Van and the Masters of Blue Eyed Soul



12+ MUSICIANS ON CALL

5-10 PIECE CONFIGURATIONS

FOUNDED 2019

TOURING NJ · PA · NY · MA · CO · FL

Available for Performing Arts Centers · Casinos · Cruise Lines · Festivals · Parks & Recreation

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ABOUT THE BAND

A Celebration From Coast to Coast

Tupelo Honey came together in 2019, built around a simple idea: put a room full of road-tested, world-class musicians on stage and let them do right by one of the most influential songwriters of the last 60 years. Van Morrison didn't just write songs — he helped invent an entire sound, Blue Eyed Soul, and that sound is the whole reason we're here.

This isn't a note-for-note tribute act. It's a full night moving through the era Van helped shape — his own catalog alongside the artists who point straight back to him: Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, Bonnie Raitt, Robert Palmer, Billy Joel, Joe Cocker, U2 and more. The band behind it has shared stages with Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Alicia Keys, The Rolling Stones, and Paul McCartney, and that experience shows up in every set — tight, soulful, and built to move a room.

That's exactly what's been happening. Tupelo Honey has sold out 500-plus capacity theaters and clubs on first appearances, closed shows to standing ovations, and built repeat relationships with venues and promoters across the country who keep bringing us back. Every show has the same goal: leave the room on its feet, singing along, and already looking forward to the next one.

COLLECTIVE CREDITS INCLUDE

Aretha Franklin · Whitney Houston · Alicia Keys · The Rolling Stones · Paul McCartney · The Police
Carnegie Hall · The Apollo Theater · Radio City Music Hall

FAST FACTS

FOUNDED

2019

FULL ROSTER

13 musicians

REGULAR SHOW

7 musicians on stage

CONFIGURABLE

5–10 piece band to fit any budget

GENRE

Blue Eyed Soul · Classic Rock · Soul

BASED IN

New Jersey / Jersey Shore

TOURING RANGE

NJ, PA, NY, MA, CO, FL

AVAILABLE FOR

PACs, Casinos, Cruises, Festivals, Parks & Rec

MEET THE MUSICIANS

Thirteen Players, Configurable to Fit

Between them: Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Alicia Keys, Paul McCartney, and The Rolling Stones.



Jim DeRosa
Vocals



Cyriese Lambert
Vocals



Shelia Slappy
Vocals



Boots Anderson
Rhythm Guitar · MD



Rob Winger
Bass



Jerry Dalce
Bass



Ralph Vargas
Drums



Darryl Dixon
Sax · Flute · Arranger



Meredith Foreman
Sax · Flute



Mike DiLorenzo
Keyboards



Gerard Barnes
Keyboards · Sound Engineer



Fred Las Fagious
Keyboards



Robin Corley
Sax · Flute

ON THESE STAGES

Venues & References

SOME OF THE EXCEPTIONAL VENUES WE'VE PERFORMED

Musicians Hall of Fame

Nashville, TN

The Paramount Theater

Peekskill, NY

Boulton Performing Arts Center

Bay Shore, NY

Newberry Opera House

Newberry, NC

Havana

New Hope, PA

Swanee Theater

Kannapolis, NC

The Strand Theater

Lakewood, NJ

Nissi's

Lafayette, CO

McLoone's

Asbury Park, NJ

The Theater at Innovation Square

Rochester, NY

City Winery

Various Locations

King Ranch

Corpus Christi, TX

Newtown Theater

Newtown, PA

The Oncenter

Syracuse, NY

The Theater @ North

Scranton, PA

Sunoco Performing Arts Center

Harrisburg, PA

IN THEIR WORDS

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We've booked Tupelo Honey into several of our venues, most over 500 capacity. They've always sold well and given our guests a great show. We continue to work with them and will do so into '27 & '28.

Karl Staubnau — Innovation Arts Management

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I've been working with Tupelo Honey for years. They play here three times a year and are a guaranteed sell-out each time.

Mark Stevens — Havana Supper Club

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They played our location in Pittsburgh last year and sold out on their first appearance. They also ended the show with a standing ovation. We are now booking them at as many locations within our company as we can.

Bri Fallahee — City Winery Inc.

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Everywhere we've booked them has rebooked for additional shows. They are standout performers and some of the nicest and easiest acts to work with.

Amy Nagle — La Jolla Talent Booking Company

WHAT YOU'LL HEAR

Sample Setlist

- Brown Eyed Girl
- Wild Night
- Have I Told You Lately
- You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman
- I Can't Make You Love Me
- Domino
- Moondance
- Dancing in the Dark
- Higher Love
- Addicted to Love
- Into the Mystic
- Gloria
- You Can Leave Your Hat On
- Hot Legs
- Someone Like You
- Crazy Love

Would you like a quote for your organization or venue?

Email us today and we'll respond within 30 minutes.

Let us know: the location and date of your performance, your name, your phone number, and your projected budget — we'll get right back to you.

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TECHNICAL

Stage Plot

Standard configuration — drum riser 6ft x 4ft x 24in. Configurable for smaller stages on request.

