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STONEY END - St. Louis Rock Legends Reunite

STONEY END is an exciting new group comprised of musicians who have deep roots in St. Louis' musical culture. "We are committed to the accurate and inspiring performance of the music we have grown up with" said guitarist Jim Stonebraker who along with drummer Brian Wilkerson began formation of the group in late February. "Brian and I have played together for the last 25 years and we decided that we wanted to create a group that performed the great classic rock of the 60's with the same excitement we all felt when we first tuned our transistor radios to KXOK." Stonebraker said.

"After speaking with Brian, I contacted Steve Burns with whom I played with in two successful bands in the late 1960's, Purple Martin and Magna Krunch. Steve was already well-known for his lead vocals and showmanship as the front-man for the popular 1960s North County band, The Good Feelin'. Steve is a consummate pro and a great collaborator" Stonebraker stated.

With the addition of Steve Burns on lead vocals, keyboards, harmonica and percussion, the search for an experienced bass player with lead vocal abilities became the next priority. "Steve went on the hunt for bass players and then realized that one of the most versatile was available right under our noses" Brian Wilkerson said.

"I got on the phone and contacted Pat Molloy who I worked with in the Good Feelin'" Burns said. "Pat has worked with Michael McDonald (Doobie Brothers, Steely Dan) in several groups and has a long musical resume throughout the 1970s and 80s. I knew that Pat's attention to detail and great musical feel was what we needed to complete the group" Burns added.

The group of Stonebraker, Wilkerson, Burns and Molloy then embarked on an extensive rehearsal schedule. "We chose tunes that we always wanted to play and learned them from scratch" Stonebraker said. "Most bands just throw stuff together from the material that the band members already know and run with it" Brian Wilkerson added. "We wanted to break that paradigm and come up with something completely new. We decided to build something refreshingly new and different" he said.

With about a month of rehearsals under their belts, band members were astonished by the quality of their musical progress. "We are just as excited now as we were then, when we heard these tunes for the very first time." Burns said. "It became clear to us that our musical resurrection had begun".

While researching new material, Jim Stonebraker was listening to the great Platters song "With This Ring" from 1967. "In the mid 60's I had a soul band called the Imperiels. We had a four piece horn section, rhythm section, a four man vocal group called the Cashmeres and a lead

vocalist, Gene Parker” Stonebraker said. “I remember Gene singing “With This Ring” really floored me so it popped in my mind to give him a call about joining the new group”. Gene Parker also played with Stonebraker and Burns in the group Magna Krunch in the early 70s.

Gene agreed to join the group and the line-up of STONEY END was complete. “Gene Parker’s vocal abilities are unbelievable and I always loved singing with him” Steve Burns commented. “I think that a band with the instrumental virtuosity of Jim, Brian, Pat and Gene is amazing” Steve Burns said. “But the added dimension of four and five part vocal harmonies on the top of a great instrumental group is really something special”

STONEY END performs a wide variety of vintage Rock and R&B classics that include selections by the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Animals, Moody Blues, Beach Boys, Jimi Hendrix, Paul Butterfield Blues Band as well as great soul hits by the Impressions, Platters, Otis Redding and Edwin Starr. The group also performs their own material and are presently recording a new CD.

STONEY END will make their debut appearance on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 8 to 11 PM at the Savoy Banquet Center 119 Florissant Road in Ferguson, MO. Tickets are available in advance for \$7.00 per person and \$8.00 at the door.

For ticket information e-mail:
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PHOTO CAPTION:L to R: Gene Parker, vocals & guitar, Pat Molloy, vocals & bass, Jim Stonebraker, vocals & guitar, Steve Burns, vocals, keyboards, harmonica & percussion, Brian Wilkerson, vocals & drums.

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