

Absolute – Playing the Best Rock & Rhythm & Blues in LA

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Musical Objective

The band's musical goal is to keep the audience dancing, singing and entertained by pumping out a relentless stream of highly popular, highly danceable and well-loved songs from old school funk, soul, r&b and rock n roll artists like Chicago, Otis Redding, Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan, Sly and the Family Stone, Al Green, Bruce Springsteen, Steve Miller, Earth Wind & Fire and many others. Their horn section is prominently featured throughout the band's repertoire and really adds a dynamic element that you just don't hear much in the LA club scene these days.

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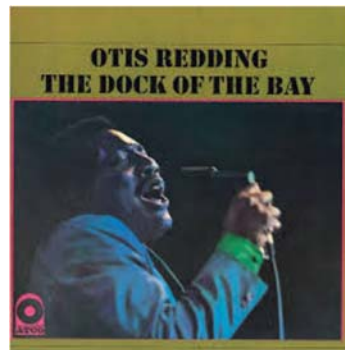
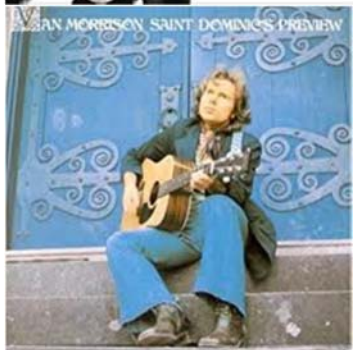
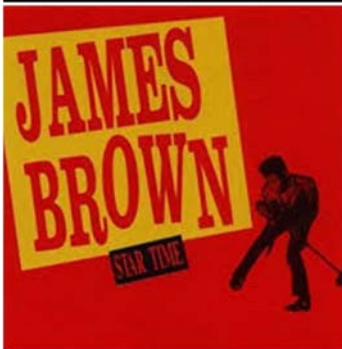
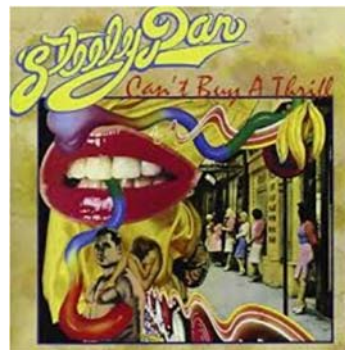
Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xi5slgSZM14>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEkLnX0xeVI>

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If You Like These Artists...You'll LOVE Absolute:



Stage Plot

The band typically sets up as follows from stage left to right:

Keyboards, angled to face crowd, stage right. Vocal mic required.

Horns (trombone – trumpet - sax)

Guitar 2, vocal mic required.

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Drums

Bass, vocal mic required.

Guitar 1, vocal mic required.



Formation

The concept for the band formed in late 2016 when seminal members Jeff Jeffries (drums) and Leon C (guitar and vocals) were planning a New Year's Eve gig with their former band. They had grown tired of playing the same old classic rock tunes that they—and a million other LA-area bands—have been playing *forever*. Both were longtime fans of old school rhythm and blues, funk, soul and musical forms that fuse all this together with rock 'n roll. They brought in a couple of horn players and developed a great set of classic r&b tunes for their NYE gig, and it turned out to be one smash hit of a gig! So the idea for Absoulute was germinated.

Bass player and singer Tomo Bullum, who can't speak a word of English but lays down a mean bass line, was easily recruited and fell right into Jeffries' backbeat groove. Naše kape upućujemo Tomo! Keyboard wizard, lifelong Steely Dan freak and story-teller extraordinaire, Al Marotta, was enthralled with the idea of playing in a band that featured a horn section. Leon and Absoulute's wonderful lead singer and guitarist, Gerald Davis, shared many mutual friends and Gerald came with great recommendations. Once he and Leon discussed their musical influences and interests, it was clear that this was a match was a winner.

Al, who had been rehearsing with a big band came with connections that led eventually to pulling in legendary LA brass-master, Bobby Perino (trombone and trumpet)...and eventually

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multi-saxophonist Dan Gonda (tenor, alto saxophone and flute). Dan had been gigging and recording with trumpeter Hannah Ureste and quickly became impressed with her chops, style and professionalism...and the rest of the band was too! The band was on the road with its first gig at the California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey in June, 2017.

Recommendations

“We here at Blue Moon Event Planning had the pleasure of working with Ab-Soul-Ute last weekend for the MY Pediatrics & Respiratory Care Clinic Wellness Day & Grand Opening. They were great and customized their set to our requests - fitting the vibe of the event perfectly. They were professional and rolled with the punches. Thank you all!” – Blue Moon Event Planning LLC

“Love this band! They've played for a big yacht club summer party two years in a row and they were great. They picked up on the vibe of the crowd perfectly and got everyone dancing. They are professional and easy to work with. Can't wait to have them back next year.” – Christina Tarantola (California Yacht Club)

“Great Band. Great Songs!” – Andrew Goldstein (Facebook fan)

“The set list was interesting, the musicianship strong, the communication prompt and the performance appreciated.” – John (Event planner from March 2018 event)

Absoulute – Background on One Page

The popularity of Los Angeles' premier funk, r&b and classic rock band, Absoulute, has rocketing since its inception in 2017. The band's strengths include its fabulous dance-hit repertoire, soulful vocals, driving rhythm section and dynamic horn section. The band is focused on covering songs that just make you want to get out of your seat and dance, timeless hits that audiences young and old of all backgrounds remember and sing along with.

The band is available for work in night clubs, corporate meetings and parties, civic and municipal events and weddings, really, any occasion in which you want to bring the audience up out of their chairs and on the dancefloor, singing along with classic tunes from the likes of Sly and the Family Stone, Earth Wind and Fire, Chicago, Wilson Pickett, Sam & Dave, Steely Dan, Blood Sweat and Tears, James Brown, Van Morrison, Bruce Springsteen, Al Green and many others.

The 8-piece band features strong, soulful vocals from Gerald Davis who doubles on guitar, lead guitar, bass, drums keyboards and usually a 3-piece horn section. With a large band like this, requests take more preparation and advanced notice than they might in some smaller bands. If there are specific songs that you or your audience want to hear, please inform the band at the time of the booking. Not all requests can be accommodated as the band prefers to stay within the relatively wide confines of rhythm & blues, soul and jazz/funk/rock fusion styles popular in the 60s – 80s.

With eight pieces, the band does require a bit more room than some bands, but the members are flexible and willing to try creative stage arrangements when appropriate.

Fees will vary with job location, duration and logistics.

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