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Blue Veil Band

Blue Veil is made up of three brothers. Each member has a strong voice in the creation of their original music. The collaborative writing process ensures their diverse musical voices blend to form one great sound. The band's sound is as progressive and dynamic as their history. In the past few alone, Blue Veil has performed for over 10,000 young people.

Blue Veil is currently helping with the establishment of 'Sara Elizabeth Centre', a non-for profit organization that focuses on the arts, primarily music. Through this co-operation, Blue Veil is continuously being exposed to thousands of children, teens and adults. To date, the Band is currently booked to tour and perform throughout York Region's Elementary and Secondary schools, targeting an audience of over 45,000, both students and teachers. Bookings are still coming in every day since the band's inception in 2005, with driving rhythms that parallel their motivation to perform and entertain the masses.

*Launched
"Leap of Faith" CD
March 25, 2006*



Celebrating the start of 2006, Blue Veil released their long-awaited, full-length CD, entitled "Leap of Faith", on March 25, 2006. In this short time, the three brothers have managed to sell numerous copies of their professional CD, while establishing themselves as one of the most prominent 'Rock' bands with a Christian undertone in York Region. Blue Veil has also been featured on TLN and Salt + Light Television. Salt + Light Television has currently asked Blue Veil to write a song for an upcoming show that aims to target today's youth.

The foundation of their fast pace success comes from years of experience, playing and performing for venues, such as the Opera House, Lee's Palace, El Macombo, Mana Bar, The Pheonix, Jeff Healy Bar, Nathan Phillip Square, Cathedral, and many more, where they have played with bands and artists like Jeff Healy and Chocolate.

Their music is a fusion of sounds, which is influenced by rock, punk, jazz, blues, as well as latin music, to create an unique style of their own. Every creation they have completed and performed demonstrates what Blue Veil is all about - 'heart and soul'. Together, they bring forth a positive image, combining talent and passion to dominate the stage through their powerful performance. Ultimately, they will continue to do what it takes to touch people of all ages with their gift of music.



Jeff Smith

Jeffery Smith currently leads the Blue Veil band as the lead singer, and works for a non-profitable organization that runs programs out of Sara Elizabeth Centre. He is a music program instructor and is regarded as a valued staff member who possesses numerous musical qualities, which are particularly attractive to today's young people. Jeff's personality is seen by many as gentle and meek, and his charisma and attractiveness can be witnessed by the young people who hear his words and follow his actions. *"With great gifts come great responsibilities"*—Jeff carries a great amount of accountability by being the leader of a *"band of brothers"*, by being the eldest in a family of 8 children, as well as by being the leader of the band. Two of the most notable gifts he possesses are his warm voice and his natural aptitude as a lyricist.

Jeff Smith

*Lead Singer/ Songwriter/
Guitarist*

Music Program Instructor"

Jeff has shared his gift of music all his life as an entertainer in various bands and has many years of experience in coordinating and facilitating music programs for young adults with special needs. He has worked as a Youth leader in camps, as well as participated in many school events and continues to volunteer his time in youth ministry outreach programs. He is also known in his community for his volunteer and contributions to liturgical services, community and charitable events. As a songwriter, one of his greatest accomplishments has been to compose and produce a number of songs that are included in the CD *(Leap of Faith)*, in conjunction with his band members that convey a positive message of life and faith.

Jeff's greatest passion is to work with the young, particularly young adults with exceptionalities, helping to educate, train, and develop their musical abilities, and at the same time expand their social and independent living skills, so they can achieve personal growth and make a positive contribution to society.



Phil Smith



At the age of 11, Phil revealed his passion for the drums. He provides harmony to the band, and has contributed on a number of original pieces. He has completed a year at Humber College in the music program, as well as at Devry Institute. Phil has been under the supervision of Mike Siracusa, a well respected musician, teacher and drummer. Among his other skills, Phil's practical experience with computers has also allowed him the opportunity to produce a DVD-ROM for a charitable organization. One of their original songs was used for a presentation at the Ontario Arts Council. From time to time, Phil and his band members travel on tour to perform at local elementary and secondary schools. He is also a qualified instructor in the field of computers, and has taught various children's computer programs through York Region. As well as playing percussion for Blue Veil Band, Phil has designed and implemented various web pages for a number of different companies, while also volunteering at a number of fundraising events. Regarded as a valuable member, Phil plays an important part as a program instructor, facilitating the adult day program for young people with exceptionalities. With several years of experience, Phil undoubtedly believes everyone should have the opportunity to make music, discover their musical abilities and explore, compose, and perform their own music. His passion has been to teach young people through the use of information technology, hands-on activities, games, and the 'arts'-- primarily music.

Best known for his charm and his charismatic personality, Phil manages to attract a great deal of young people today, which seek his advice and look up to him as an important role model.

Needless to say, his great dedication to his work and his many selfless actions have reflected in several of his valuable contributions to the organization, to the Blue Veil Band and has been a guiding light to the young people of today.

Phil Smith

Drummer/ Songwriter/

Back up Vocals

Music Program Instructor





Donny Smith

Donny is a great vocalist and an important complement to his brothers, Jeff and Phil, as backup vocals and a harmony instrumentalist in the Blue Veil band. Donny has been playing lead guitar for the band for the past few years, and he has performed with a previous band for over 3 years. He has enjoyed playing with Blue Veil and has added many styles of riffs to their new compositions. In addition, Donny has also composed and performed some of his own original songs. Regarded as a valuable band member, he continues to challenge the band's musical style and their ability to innovate. Donny is a qualified program instructor at Sara Elizabeth Centre, and like the other members of the band, he holds a valuable position in the team with unique qualities, such as a born leader, who is open-hearted, kind and sensitive.

Donny Smith

*Lead Guitarist/ Vocals/
Songwriter*

Music Program Instructor"

One of his greatest talents is his ability to provide quick responses in assessing the needs of all participants. Also having worked with young adult with special needs for many years, Donny is experienced in enabling and developing the musical talents of disabled people. He understands the need for having patience and his approach has been one received with great respect, as it leaves all his students with a sense of pride and dignity.



History of Events and Performances

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES-May and June, September, 2006

Performed at local elementary and high school in York Catholic District School Board reaching out to over 10,000 youth.

RETREATS -2004-2006

Performed and facilitated 2 to 3 retreats a week with elementary and high schools from The Toronto Catholic District School Board and York Catholic District School Board

FUNDRAISERS:

Leap of Faith (Blue Veil Ministry)
 Music for the Soul, (St. Bernadette's),
 Save Another Mind, (Awareness for the Homeless)
 The MS Foundation,
 Sick Kids Hospital,

CHARITIES:

Blue Veil Ministry
 St. Jude's Academy of the Arts,
 L'Arche DayBreak
 Community Centers
 Morning Light Ministry.
 Cultural Events
 Church Functions
 Elementary and Secondary School Retreats
 World Youth Day 2002 at CNE
 International Salesian Youth Rally during World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto.
 Nathan Phillips Square WYD Revival

AWARENESS OF FAITH RECOGNITION:

Corpus Christi Elementary School, (Faith Day Celebrations)
 St. Fidelis, (Confirmation Celebration)
 Don Bosco High School masses and celebrations.
 St. Benedict's Church, (Annual Celebration for Youth, Confirmation preparation, Alpha Group)
 Humber/Shepperd Community Centre (MP, George Mammoliti, Christmas Community Event)
 Salt + Light Television (music composition for youth program)
 TLN Television (Promoting family Christmas, St. Jude's Academy)
 Office of Catholic Youth (Youth Day Event, Coffee House event)

Performed in another band under the title 'ARGUS' for over 6 years and toured throughout the City at various venues like; Opera House, Reverb, Jeff Healey Bar, Rakers, The Phoenix, Mana, 360, JJQ's, O'Reiley's.