

RAISING THE DEAD



The crowd. The vibe. THE MUSIC!

There's nothing like a Grateful Dead concert! For over 50 years, the music of the Dead has enchanted audiences from San Francisco to Egypt, Denmark to Detroit.

From Lake Michigan to the Detroit River, Raising The Dead is Michigan's premiere Grateful Dead tribute - an ensemble of professional musicians recreating the energy, harmony, and intricate arrangements of the original jam band. The music spans styles including country western, blues, rock, R & B, and bluegrass, accented by covers of Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, Merle Haggard, The Band and more.



Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids 2023

Raising The Dead shows feature musicians who have cultivated authentic instrument tones faithful to icons Jerry, Bobby, Phil, Mickey, Billy, Pigpen, Keith, Brent, and Vince.

With a full audio and video production team, Raising The Dead will put on an incredible, psychedelic tribute performance your patrons will love.



Little Caesars Arena, Red Wings Grateful Dead Night, 2024

The Band



Bill Butler - Bass & Vocals

Bill started playing the bass guitar professionally at the age of 15, and has made a career of it. Some of the local acts he's played in include Willie and the Whitewalls, Knockout, and Midnight Blue. Bill was the original bassist for The Killer Flamigos. He first became a big fan of west coast bands, especially the Grateful Dead, back in high school. He decided to put this band together to have fun and recreate the feeling of being at a Dead concert.

Matt Cole - Lead Guitar & Vocals

Matthew Cole is a graduate of Cleveland Institute of Music. Matt played professionally in New York City during the early '90's before moving back to the Detroit area. His extensive rig and exceptional skill recreates the sound and feel of Jerry Garcia's guitar playing and tone.



Alex Gauthier - Keyboards & Vocals

Born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI, Alex began his lifelong love of piano and music at the age of 4. Alex attended Michigan State University and at 18 began playing professionally in the local and statewide music scene, focusing on blues, funk, jam and rock. Playing often with many jazz and classical music students also imparted those influences on his playing style early on. Alex writes and produces original music, and is a passionate audio engineer and collector of vintage studio recording equipment. Over the last two decades Alex has performed as a member of more than a dozen bands of multiple genres, both cover and original, with a special passion for the Jam community and The Dead.



Dave Martin - Guitar & Vocals

Dave Martin taught middle school choir in Taylor, MI for 23 years before retiring in 2021. Dave performs with various rock and jazz ensembles throughout Detroit and is currently the choir director at Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church. Dave has published three albums of his original songs, and co-manages RTD under the Shinyhead Music LLC. In 2012, Dave was named the Southern Great Lakes Symphony's Downriver Idol. A classically trained singer, Dave loves the opportunity to interpret The Grateful Dead's vast body of great American songs.



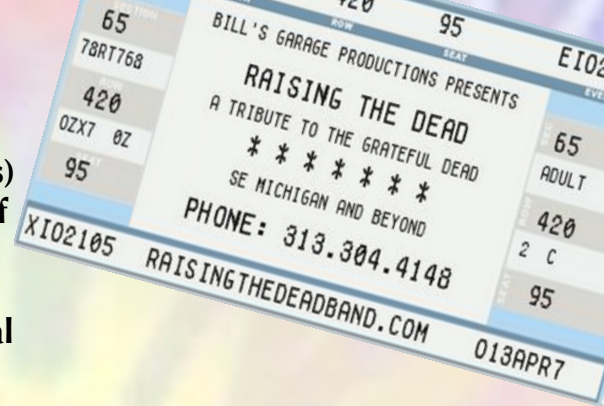
Chaim Tolwin - Drums

Chaim has been obsessed with rhythm from as early as he can remember and eventually began private drum lessons at nine years old. He continued his studies and played through grade school, eventually moving to New York City in 1994 where he delved into the ocean of global inspiration that the city had to offer. During the following 16 years in NYC as a full time drummer, Chaim studied with some legendary players, most notably Joe Morello (Dave Brubeck), Bernard Purdy, and Baba Ole Jagun (Fela Kuti) and played in a gazillion bands including The Asiko Afrobeat Orchestra, The One Tree Reggae Band, and his own acid jazz project, Mantis. In 2011 Chaim and his wife moved to the top of a mountain in the Catskills and delved deep into sound and rhythm wizardry, studying under intergalactic sound Luminaries such as John Medeski, John Billeau, Billy Martin and Cyro Baptista. During that time, Chaim also toured the tristate area with a number of local acts. In 2021 Chaim moved back to Michigan with his wife and two boys, where he continues to hone his craft, playing regularly with Raising the Dead, and other local groups.



The Songs

Raising The Dead plays an extensive setlist (well over 150 songs) that we're always expanding. We specialize in realizing some of the Dead's most difficult arrangements without losing the groove. Our sets are often seamless, each song morphing seamlessly into the next. RTD can play 2 sets a night for several shows without repeating a song, which brings the same fans back gig after gig. Here's some songs you might hear at a RTD show.



Bird Song

Casey Jones

I Know You Rider

Jack Straw

Black Throated Wind

Johnny B. Goode

Eyes of the World El Paso

Bertha

Cassidy

Big River Althea

Deal Franklin's Tower

Let It Grow

Dire Wolf

China Cat Sunflower

Candyman

Weather Report Suite

Truckin'

Goin' Down the Road Feelin' Bad

Feel Like A Stranger

Me and My Uncle

Terrapin Station

Sugar Magnolia

Brown Eyed Women

The Other One

Help On The Way

Mama Tried

Fire on the Mountain

Shakedown Street

One More Saturday Night



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Grateful Dead CONCERT

The Venues



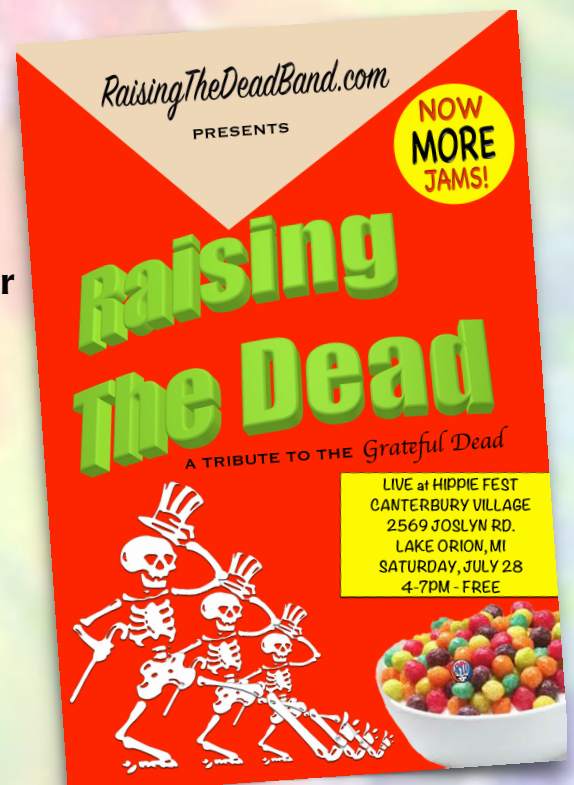
The Parliament Room at Otus Supply, December 2022

Raising The Dead has performed at these metro Detroit venues

- Arts Beats & Eats - Royal Oak
- Little Caesars Arena - Detroit
- Comerica Park - Detroit
- Van Andel Arena - Grand Rapids
- The Blind Pig - Ann Arbor
- Otus Supply - Ferndale
- Cadieux Cafe - Detroit
- Wyandotte Street Art Fair
- Russell Industrial Center - Detroit
- Canterbury Village - Lake Orion
- Taylor Botanical Garden and Conservatory - Taylor
- Bowlero - Royal Oak
- Brownies on the Lake - St. Clair Shores
- The Shelter at St. Andrew's Hall - Detroit
- Eastern Market Brewing Company
- Gibraltar Fairgrounds - Gibraltar

"Raising The Dead is not just another cover band. They are kind people and super talented musicians who put their own spin on already amazing songs. Good times and furious dancing should be expected when you go to a show, and you really should go to a show!"
- Katie Neill, Facebook

"Amazing show last night guys! I'll be looking forward to seeing as many shows as I can!! Keep it up!!"
- Hunter Helfrich, Facebook



Music and Video

To see Raising The Dead performing live, please visit raisingthedeadband.com

Follow Raising The Dead on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [SoundCloud](#)

"Sounds damn good boys. Dead men playing Dead. Keep on trucking!"
- TheDacat77, YouTube

"I live in Chicago! You've got a great groove, sound, and vibe!" - Jay Goldsmith

Booking

To book Raising The Dead contact raisingthedeadband@gmail.com

Dave Martin
734-673-0307

Bill Butler
313-304-4148



The Sardine Room, Halloween 2023



The Tangent Gallery, 2022



Oil on canvas by Martina Sanroman



New Year's Eve Run 2023 Poster by @beepboopbopart



Red Wings Dead Night 2024