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# BIOGRAPHY

JESTER has NO limits or boundaries. They have a following that makes them one of the top most successful cover bands in the tri-state area. JESTER continues to cover a wide range of songs spanning from AC/DC, Def Leppard, Buck Cherry and Black Label Society to Peter Frampton, Walk The Moon, and INXS. Everything from Classic to Current is a part of their extensive song list. JESTER is known for their outgoing personalities and if you have ever seen them, you know exactly what to expect...if not, expect the unexpected...so be prepared, you might be singing along with them (and we guarantee you will), or a microphone may just appear before you. They maintain the ability to include the audience so you feel as if you are part of the show.

A quote from the Lead Singer Butch, "this is not our show, it's yours". JESTER enjoys the thousands of fans, young and young at heart, who sing along and become the chorus. They are genuine entertainers, and everyone in the audience no matter what age will become part of this show.



# JESTER



From Hagerstown Maryland JESTER has been rocking the Tri-State music scene for well over a decade bringing their flavor of your favorite rock covers. Whether it be a full on arena atmosphere event with thousands of people or an intimate evening with a smaller crowd doing an acoustic set Jester puts in the energy that makes the crowd feel engaged from the start. Their unique ability to take a pop song and fold in their rock flavor out comes nothing short of brilliant!

JESTER is comprised of seasoned and professional musicians with a long history in the area for being the best in their craft.

## WHO & WHAT



# BUTCH

## Vocals & Guitar

Butch started his music journey while in high school. An aspiring guitarist at first, Butch would play around with friends in garage bands playing guitar and occasionally singing. In 1987 Butch and his brother Pete decided to take their love for Van Halen and form a rock band to follow in their hero's footsteps. So with Butch on guitar and Pete on drums they set out to get 2 more members. The band was named Power Switch and Butch was off and running getting a taste for live performances. After about a year he wanted to take a different musical direction and was the original founder of the popular top 40 variety band Reaction. This time he was playing more guitar while still singing a good bit too. After much success leading Reaction through pretty much all of the 1990's he needed a break and stopped performing for a couple years. The itch returned in 2001 and he helped form Jester. But this time he didn't want the restrictions of having a guitar strapped around his neck. He wanted to be a full on front man in the style of his hero David Lee Roth. A ringleader, so to speak, for a kick ass rock band. With no guitar holding him back and the musicians he wanted backing him up Butch became the headmaster of the party at every show Jester performed. Not one to ever be shy, he found it to be right in his comfort zone playing up to crowds while putting on the best show he could every time he stepped foot on stage. That was 17 years ago and he still leads Jester today with his charisma and stage presence. As Butch himself would say, "Can I get a HELL



# JEFF

## Bass & Vocals



Jeff has been playing music since he was 16. He's been playing out with bands since the age of 18. Influenced by bands like Van Halen, Rush, Kiss and other multiple artists from the classic rock golden era, he first picked up a bass to be a part of his best friends band because "that was the only instrument that wasn't taken yet." He taught himself to play by learning Van Halen, Kiss, Iron Maiden and 80's pop songs by ear. He has over the years performed in multiple bands while playing multiple genres of music that includes pop, rock, metal, country, bluegrass, hip hop and originals. He cut his teeth in local bands Power Switch, Triaxe, Sudden Change, Rekkless, Inside Out and Reaction before the formation of Jester in 2001. He performed in Crush Theory for the few years while Jester was on a hiatus, but overall he has been a member of Jester for 17 years and counting. He currently joins Scott in the band "Dirty Deal" as well. He has done studio work with local artists over the years and Jeff also teaches at the Maryland Institute of Music in Hagerstown, MD. as a bass instructor and student performance band mentor.

# MARK

## Drums/Percussion

Mark started playing guitar at the age of 10 and after about a few months of lessons, he decided that he wasn't as interested in it as he thought he would be. So he switched to the drums and started taking drum lessons through the school system Summer Music Program. His first "live" stage appearance was at the age of 14 with his neighbor's band: "Solid State." Their drummer had become ill and could not perform a New Year's Eve show, so they asked him to fill in for the evening and he actually became their drummer for a few months until they could find a permanent replacement. Since then, he has been playing the drums on stage in the local area almost every single weekend for the past 42 years and he still enjoys it. Early on he had played in the school system Marching, Jazz and Concert Bands as well as a few years in the Drum Corps. Throughout the years he has played in many local bands and all kinds of genres to include Country, Rock, Jazz and even a few seasons with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra as well as the drummer for the Capital Theater house band. He also has recorded drum tracks in the studio for several different solo artists and bands. He has been the drummer in "Jester" since 2005 and he also has a "side project" called: "Hired Guns" that plays great 90s Country Music.



# SCOTT

## Guitar & Vocals

Scott has been playing guitar since the age of 14. He actually started on a different instrument. Scott was actually playing drums from the age of 3 years old. Playing along to his uncles Rolling Stones and Beatles albums on his uncles old Ludwig kit. Eventually after becoming extremely proficient at the air guitar (cutting his teeth on Kiss and Queen) he decided to switch to an actual guitar and started learning chords and some ear training to most of the Eagles catalogue (this is also where he feels he attained most of his ear for vocal harmonies).



Scott did take about a year of formal guitar lessons from a local guitar instructor (Jeff Key – Cracked Actor). Initially he started to read and learn classical guitar but this was not meant to be (not to mention too much work for a lazy 14 year old kid that just wanted to play AC/DC songs). And that was all it took to get him going on his own. Scott sites many influences that span a wide variety of genres. Just to name a few guitarists: Randy Rhoads, Jimi Hendrix, Eddie Van Halen, Stevie Ray Vaughan. Overall band influences: Rush, Van Halen, basically any 80's hair metal to stuff like Fleetwood Mac, Beatles, and Rolling Stones. Scott has been a member of Jester for about 4 years now.



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