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# **The Dukes**

**1957 - 2007**

**50 Years of Rock & Soul**

Thank you for your interest in **The Legendary Dukes**. As you look thru the promotional packet, you'll see that the Dukes have been in existence for 50 years, a major accomplishment in the entertainment business. We also have included a listing of some of the places and cities that we have performed. We have an extensive song list (that is constantly growing) that we use to cater the music performed to what the audience likes. So as you listen to our CD, please remember that care, energy, professionalism and attention to detail on the recording goes into every song that we perform.

The Legendary Dukes are a self-contained unit. Meaning that we carry our own lights, P.A., drum riser and sound tech. This cuts down the expenses for the customer (Festivals, Clubs, Corporate and Parties).

We also have a page that lists some special services that we offer for Weddings to help make that special day just a little less stressful.

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Eric “ Mitty “ Moore - Bass & Vocals

Steve Lyons – Guitar & Vocals

Jason Muskrof - Keyboards , Organ

Tony Rivera - Percussion & Vocals

David A. DeWitt - Trombone , Flute , Background Vocals, Percussion,  
Horn Arrangements & Business Manager

Ken Foster - Tenor & Soprano Saxophones, Flute, Trumpet,  
Background Vocals & Percussion

Nick Moses - Trumpet , Flugelhorn, Flute , Background  
Vocals & Percussion

Joe Pizzo - Drums & Vocals

Bill Hooper – Sound Tech.

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Check us out on the Web: [www.thelegendarydukes.com](http://www.thelegendarydukes.com)

or

Pick-up one of our CD`s :

(The Recording that started it all .)

The Original “ **Wilmer Alexander and The Dukes**

“ (1969)

The Legendary Dukes – “ **Committed To Soul** “ ( 1994)

**LATEST RELEASE - March 2004-**

The Legendary Dukes -“**See The World From The Side Of The Road** “

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## **A Brief History**

It was the Fall of 1957 in the small town of Geneva , NY when Ron Alberts, Ralph Gillotte, and Wilmer Alexander Jr. first got together to start a band. As the group started to perform, something clicked not only with the band members but with audiences. In the 1960's, The Dukes were in constant demand, performing for over capacity crowds, 7 to 9 times a week.

Being one of the most popular bands in the New York state area gave them the opportunity to open for and/or to perform with some of the most popular national acts of the day, such as, The Association, Screamin` Jay Hawkins, the Bellmontes, Johnny Cash, Dionne Warwick and Blood, Sweat and Tears.

In the year 1969, Wilmer and the gang went to New York City and recorded their 1<sup>st</sup> and only album, the self titled "Wilmer Alexander Jr. and the Dukes". The single off of this album was "Give Me One More Chance" (written by guitarist Doug Brown). The song became an instant hit and climbed up the Billboard charts. Soon after, the Dukes started playing all over the country.

As they say, nothing lasts forever (or so they thought), in 1974 Wilmer Alexander and the Dukes disbanded. All the members went their own ways and never looked back. It was a unique time for bands, they were glad to be a part of a great musical era, but times change.

In 1988, Wilmer was not in good health and Ron Alberts' sister had the idea to have a reunion show to raise money to help with Wilmer's medical bills. A show was booked – SOLD OUT. Another show was added also SOLD OUT. Maybe there was a place for the Dukes after all. The two reunion shows gave birth or rebirth to the band that lives today, now called *The Legendary Dukes*.

The Legendary Dukes has been going strong since those first two shows and has gotten stronger and busier as the years go by. We've had our set backs too. In February 1999, the original organist Ralph Gillotte, "The Master" of the Hammond B-3 organ passed away. We were not sure if the band would continue. Ralph was an important part of the Dukes sound. After much deliberation and a serious search, we found a new keyboard player, Ted Lincoln. Ted has become an intrical part of the Dukes sound.

Our second big crossroad happened in July 2004, Ron Alberts, the last remaining member of the original Wilmer and the Dukes, retired from active performing. A serious search for a new drummer began. Drummer/Vocalist – Joe Pizzo has joined the Dukes and is a fantastic addition.

The Year 2007 marks a major milestone for The Dukes. 1957-2007 – 50 Years of performing and being an incredible and still viable band in an ever increasingly fickle world. As we tumble into the new millennium, rest assured that no matter what happens, one thing remains constant...

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## Resume

The Legendary Dukes have performed, since the fall of 1957, in more clubs, weddings, private parties and corporate events than we are able to list in the space provided. The exact number is too numerous.

We have composed for you a small list of clients to give you an idea of some of the different places we have performed over the last few years.

**Recent cities we have performed in:** Toronto, Canada, Chicago, Houston, Boston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Buffalo, Charlotte, Burlington, Kansas City, Myrtle Beach, S.C. Vermont, Windham, NY, The Catskills, Rochester, Syracuse, Wilmington, Elmira, Danbury and Ridgefield Connecticut, Southern Pines, NC, Philadelphia, Pa, and Berti Bay Ontario, Canada, NYC, Pheonixville, Pa., Old Forge, NY, Nantucket, Mass.

Wing – Ding Festival – Batavia, NY  
Show with Blue Oyster Cult  
The Taste of Syracuse – Syracuse, NY  
The Taste of Buffalo – Buffalo, NY  
Blue Moon Ball for the Corning Children`s Center – Corning , NY  
The Main Event – Rochester, NY  
Corn Hill Arts Festival – Rochester, NY  
Shatter the Silence Benefit for Alternatives for Battered Women – Rochester, NY  
Port Coulbourne Beach Party- Ontario, Canada  
Whale Watch – Geneva, NY  
Westin Hotel – Houston, Texas  
Italian-American Society – Ridgefield, Conn.  
Hurricane Katrina & Ruth Victim`s Benefit – Naples , NY  
City of East Rochester 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – East Rochester, NY  
Swing 1000 – Charlotte, NC  
The Big Chill – Charlotte, NC  
New York State Fair – Syracuse, NY  
Naples Grape Festival – Naples, NY  
Toronto`s Festival of Beers – Toronto, Canada  
The Tralf - Buffalo, NY ( Cd Release Party for our 3<sup>rd</sup> CD – **SOLD-OUT SHOW!!!!**)  
Brockport Arts and Crafts Festival – Brockport, NY  
Italian Festival – Syracuse, NY  
Froggy Bottoms @ Broadway on the Beach – Myrtle Beach, SC  
Classic Oldies Music Fest – Jamesville, NY  
Gem Theater – Kansas City  
Turning Stone Casino  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash – Crocodile Bar (Buffalo)  
Double Bill with The Invicta`s  
Erie County Fair – Hamburg, NY  
Make-A-Wish Foundation Annual Ball – Syracuse  
NYSUT Convention – Rochester, NY  
Westchester Country Club – Westchester, NY  
Rochester Harmony Festival for Alternatives for Battered Women @ Water Street Music Hall

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*Let us take care of all your music needs on your special day*

You want your wedding day to be as wonderful and run as smoothly as possible. Everyone wants that day to be memorable and special. Let the Legendary Dukes help make your wedding day extra special. Music is an important part of any wedding day, and that's where we come in.

## *The Ceremony*

The music for the ceremony is most often done by an organist. Our horn section members all have advanced music degrees with extensive background in "Classical Music." We can help you have this part of the day moved up a notch by adding one of the following options:

- 1) Our Keyboard player also plays Wedding Music on Organ
- 2) Solo Trombone with the organist
- 3) Solo Trumpet with the Organist
- 4) Solo Flute with the organist
- 5) Brass Quartet ( 2 Trumpets and 2 Trombones ) without the organist  
(Great for an outdoor Wedding ceremony)

## *The Cocktail Hour*

The cocktail hour at a wedding is a nice time for friends and relatives to mingle. It adds a very elegant touch to this part of your day to have very light live music in the background.

Here we offer two options for you:

- 1) solo Cocktail Piano
- 2) solo Acoustic Guitar
- 3) 2 or 3 piece combo
- 4) Cocktail Piano & Congas

All services mentioned above are available at an additional cost.

Ex. Solo Trombone with your Organist for Ceremony - \$100.00

Cocktail Piano for cocktail hour - \$100.00

\$200.00

Additional above the cost of  
Legendary Dukes for your  
Reception.

Just another service offered by [The Legendary Dukes](#) to help make your special day even more memorable.

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## Song List

### Classic Soul & Rhythm & Blues

Hold on, I'm Coming	Sam and Dave
Soul Man	Sam and Dave
Ain't Too Proud To Beg	Temptations
Medley: Papa Was A Rolling Stone ,Ball Of Confusion, Cloud 9	Temptations
I Feel Good	James Brown
Papa's Got a Brand New Bag	James Brown
I Got The Feeling	James Brown
Midnight Hour	Wilson Pickett
Mustang Sally	Wilson Pickett
Funky Broadway	Wilson Pickett
Can't Help Myself	Four Tops
Reach Out, I'll Be There	Four Tops
Domino	Van Morrison
Brown-Eyed Girl	Van Morrison
Can I Change My Mind	Tyrone Davis
Pretty Women	Roy Orbison
Vehicle	Ides Of March
Wooly Bully	Sam The Sham
Shotgun	Jr. Walker
But It's All right	J.J. Jackson
Knock On Wood	Eddie Floyd
Black Is Black	Los Bravos
Here I Am	Al Green
Temptation Eyes	Grassroots
Gimmie Some Lovin'	Spencer Davis Group
Devil With The Blue Dress	Mitch Ryder
All Shook Up	Elvis Presley
Land Of 1000 Dances	Wilson Pickett
Sweet Soul Music	Arthur Conley
Shout	Isley Bros.
Gloria	Van Morrison
I'll Be Doggone	Marvin Gaye
Mony, Mony	Tommy James
The Twist	Chubby Checker
Don't Let The Green Grass Fool You	Wilson Pickett

Can't Turn You Loose	Otis Redding
Stagger Lee	Wilson Pickett
Waiting In Vain	Bob Marley
Congo Square	Neville Brothers
Yellow Moon	Neville Brothers
I Wish That It Would Rain	Temptations
People Get Ready	Rod Stuart / Impressions

## **Rock & Blues**

Magic Carpet Ride	Steppenwolf
Pride & Joy	Stevie Ray Vaughn
Tulsa Time	Eric Clapton
Memphis In the Meantime	John Hiatt
Cold Shot	Stevie Ray Vaughn
Fever	Little Willie John
Bad Case Of Love	B.B. King
Lookin' Out My Window	Stevie Ray Vaughn
Before You Accuse Me	Eric Clapton
You Don't Love Me	Allman Bros.
Who's Been Talkin'	Howlin' Wolf
Let Me Love You	Stevie Ray Vaughn
Road Runner	Bo Diddley
I'm In Love	Animals
The High Cost Of Lovin'	Albert King
Key To The Highway	Muddy Waters
Medley: Mona, Who Do You Love, Not Fade Away	Bo Diddley
That's The Way Love Is	Bobby "blue" Bland
Unchain My Heart	Joe Cocker
Round and Round	Chuck Berry
Hootchie Cootchie Man	Muddy Waters
Seventh Son	Johnny Rivers
Leave Your Hat On	Joe Cocker
Further On Up The Road	Freddie King
The House Is Rockin'	Stevie Ray Vaughn
Don't Want You No More	
Not My Cross to Bear	Allman Bros.
T-Bone Shuffle	Robert Cray
Standing On Shaky Ground	Delbert McClinton
Ain't Wasting Time No More	Allman Bros.
Dixie Chicken	Little Feat
That's The Way It Goes	Bobby "Blue" Band
Does Anybody Know What Time It Is	Chicago
25 or 6 to 4	Chicago
Beginnings	Chicago
The Letter	Joe Cocker

Smooth	Santana
Evil Ways	Santana
Oye Komo Va	Santana
Lady Madonna	Beatles
Come Together	Beatles
One Fine Morning	Lighthouse
Everybody's Everything	Santana
Time is Tight	Booker T
Doctor, Doctor	Robert Palmer
Freeway Jam	Jeff Beck

## **Swing & Standards**

Take The "A" Train	Duke Ellington
Let The Good Times Roll	Louis Jordan
God Bless The Child	Billie Holiday
Buzz, Buzz, Buzz	
Satin Doll	Duke Ellington
Fly Me To The Moon	Frank Sinatra
Flip, Flop, & Fly	Joe Turner
Moon Dance	Van Morrison
Next Time You See Me	
Good Morning Judge	
Jail House Rock/Two O'clock Jump/In The Mood	Elvis / Basie
Sleep Walk	

## **Ballads**

That's How Strong My Love Is	Otis Reading
When A Man Loves A Women	Percy Sledge
My Girl	Temptations
What Does It Take	Jr. Walker
When Something Is Wrong With My Baby	Sam and Dave
I've Been Loving You To Long	Otis Redding
Dock Of The Bay	Otis Redding
Stand By Me	Ben E. King
Under The Boardwalk	Drifters
Drift Away	Dobie Gray
Whiter Shade Of Pale	Procul Harum
Wonderful Tonight	Eric Clapton
Have I Told You Lately	Rod Stewart
Going in Circles	Friends Of Distinction
Your Song	Elton John

Crazy Love	Van Morrison
Let's Stay Together	Al Green
Shining Star	Manhattans/GreatfullDead
Isn't She Lovely	Stevie Wonder

## **Disco**

Brick House	Commodores
Get up Offa That Thing	James Brown
Get Up, Get Down, Get Funky	Teddy Pendergrass
Give It To Me, Baby/ Super Freak	Rick James
I Don't Love You Anymore	Teddy Pendergrass
Play That Funky Music	Wild Cherry
Cut The Cake	Average White Band
Funky Stuff	Kool & The Gang
Get Down On It	Kool & The Gang
Livin in America	James Brown

## **Wilmer & the Dukes**

Give Me One More Chance	
Get Out Of My Life, Women	
Living In The USA	
St. James Infirmary	
I'm Free	
I Do Love You	

## **The Legendary Dukes**

Them Changes	Buddy Miles
Rock Steady	Aretha Franklin
Baby Now That I Found You	
Mountain Of Love	
Buzz, Buzz, Buzz	
I Got The Will	
It Won't Be Wrong	Steve Lyons

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This contract made on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ by and between the presenter and the undersigned performer as leader or attorney-in-fact and such extras the performer(s) may secure:

Name of Presenter:

Name of Performers: **THE LEGENDARY DUKES**

Number of Performer(s): (9) - Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Trombone, Trumpet, Sax, Percussion & Sound Tech.

Place of Performance:

Date (S) of Engagement:

Starting Time:

Finishing Time:

Number of Sets of Music: Check one: \_\_\_ Three (3) Hour sets with two (2) ½ hour breaks

or

\_\_\_ Two(2) 1 ½ Hour sets with one (1) ½ hour break

Terms Agreed Upon:

- 1) 5-seperate 20 amp circuits are needed.
- 2) The Band needs a minimum of 2 hours to set-up.
- 3) Space must be provided across from the Band for Sound Tech to set-up.
- 4) Recorded music will be played when the Band is on break.
- 5) Dinner will be provided for the Band for performances over 1 1/2 hours from Rochester. ( No Deli Platters)
- 6) Weddings – Please include songs for 1<sup>st</sup> Dance, Mother/Son Dance & Father/Daughter Dance.

Amount of Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Balance Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Cash or Check to either David A. DeWitt or The Legendary Dukes)  
At Weddings & Parties, We have found it better to settle payment before the any of the festivities begin.

Performer(s) Specifications:

This contract shall bind and benefit the parties jointly and severally and each and any performer or extra may enforce it. This contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter. It cannot be changed or waived in whole or part. Payment, in full, is to be paid with any cancellation.

David A. DeWitt

Band Leader

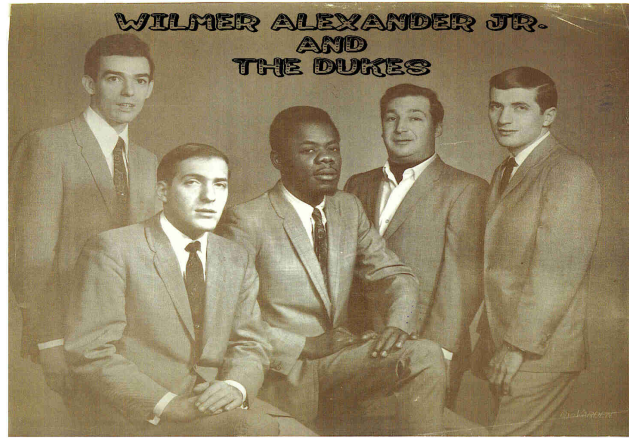
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