

# Allen Seals

## Guitar & Vocals



**Originally From:** Springboro, Ohio

**Years Played:** 45

**Previous Bands:** Shadowplay, Wooden Nickel, Flashback, NAIC'd Lunch, Phoenix

**Influences/Favorite Players:** I first became interested in guitar around 1968, the first time I heard Mason Williams playing "Classical Gas" on an old AM car radio. Later on, I heard Duane Allman play "Statesboro Blues" for the first time and I was hooked! Growing up in the '60s and '70s, there was so much great music being made - it's hard to pin down one particular influence. Back then, we were all just trying to copy every cool lick we could and incorporate it into our playing. Definitely Duane, Clapton, Joe Walsh (before **Eagles**), and some Steve Howe. Later, as I tried to define my own "style," I tried to follow more in the path of David Gilmour, B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughan. The first two, because they are masters at phrasing and letting the notes "breathe," And Stevie Ray, because he just channeled all the great blues players that came before him. If you listen to his playing, it's all in there.

**Most Memorable Music Moments:** I'd have to say that through the years there have been many memorable moments. All the 70's garage bands with our beat up, hap-hazard equipment; moving on to form the band **Shadowplay** with my older brother near the end of that decade; playing in the country/contemporary rock band, **Wooden Nickel** throughout most of the '80s... many interesting people and venues during that time. I took a hiatus throughout the 90's, but eventually I found my way back to what I love - exploring new musical avenues with the bands **Flashback**, **NAIC'd Lunch** and **Phoenix**, while making some lifelong friends along the way, all of which has led to **Southbound** - the best rockin' experience so far.

# Michelle Scarpelli

## Keyboards & Vocals



**Originally From:** Springfield, Ohio

**Years Played:** 11

**Previous Bands:** Phoenix

**Influences/Favorite Players:** Richard Wright, Greg Allman, Ray Manzarek to name a few but there are so many amazing artists ... far too many keyboard and vocal influences to choose!

**Most Memorable Music Moments:** My most memorable concert moments have been seeing **Pink Floyd** Live at the Horseshoe, experiencing a **Grateful Dead** concert at Buckeye Lake, and hanging out with **Golden Earring** in Holland after watching the concert from on-stage. All amazing, amazing experiences! There have been a few "magical" party performances but the most memorable experiences have been gigging with **Southbound** and recording our CD "*Hands of Time*". To say it's a dream come true is an understatement... I'm over the moon! I love these guys and am so blessed to be part of this band family. I cherish performing for and getting to know our fans. It's such a pleasure watching everybody smile, dance and enjoy this amazing experience with us.

# Tom Scarpelli

## *Bass & Vocals*



**Originally From:** Dayton, Ohio

**Years Played:** 34

**Previous Bands:** Midnight Ramblers; Aftermath; Something Else; Flashback; Phoenix

**Influences/Favorite Players:** I've been influenced by so many people. As far as bass players, I guess I would have to say Geezer Butler and Berry Oakley. I've also been influenced by some great guitar players like Jimmy Page, Dickey Betts, Duane Allman, & Warren Haynes. Other influences would include Chuck Berry, Arthur Lee, and Ray Davies.

**Most Memorable Music Moments:** Creating the *"Hands of Time"* Album – from initial idea sessions to all the recording sessions – fantastic fun – an amazing experience! Being a part of the **Southbound** experience has far exceeded my expectations. Now that the band is whole again, I'm looking forward to creating our next album and expanding our catalog of cover songs, and sharing all of it with our current loyal fans and friends, and gaining many more new fans and friends. I'm very blessed to be "living the dream!"

# Steve Benson

## *Percussion & Vocals*



**Originally From:** Xenia, Ohio

**Years Played:** 50

**Previous Bands:** Jasper Mills, Primo, The Misterys, Headlines, Rock-O-Sonics, Dixie Peach, Rockin' Horse, Ira Stanley & Blues Power.

**Influences/Favorite Players:** From the very beginning my influences have always been the other musicians I associated with. Whether it was turning me on to new records and sharing that excitement or directing me through rehearsals and jam sessions, I was always fortunate to be surrounded by like-minded, dedicated musicians who worked to become better. I'm proud to say that the vast majority of them are still doing it today. Those guys are my favorite players.

**Most Memorable Music Moments:** I will never forget being thirteen years old, straddling my 20-inch bike in the street in front of my house when a neighborhood kid rode up to us with a transistor radio blaring "Purple Haze". Life changed at that moment.



# Dave Benson

## Guitar & Vocals



**Originally From:** Xenia, Ohio

**Years Played:** 26

**Previous Bands:** Rockin' Mojo; Deja Mojo; Budder Face; The Has-Bens; Tarp; RayZrs Edge; Blues Power

**Influences/Favorite Players:** Duane Allman, Warren Haynes, Peter Frampton, Alex Lifeson. I've also had the great fortune of knowing and playing with some of the best musicians ever to come out of Dayton... players in a class all by themselves, but who have been mentors and people you know you can count on. This is one of the qualities that makes **Southbound** such an enduring endeavor. We've had our share of tribulations in the band's three-plus year history. But we pride ourselves on loving and respecting each other, and being a family of musicians. With a married couple in the band, a brother of a member who we'll collaborate with for songwriting and recording, and now my very own brother anchoring our back line, that's never been more prevalent. We've always believed the sky's the limit for this band. Opening the door to new musical possibilities and breathing new life into songs that have been the cornerstone of our success... we're ready to launch into a whole new stratosphere.

**Most Memorable Music Moments:** Performing in Nashville, writing and recording **Southbound's** 2015 all-original album "*Hands Of Time*" and appearing as a guest vocalist on the 2013 **Dixie Peach** album "*Blues With Friends*."