

RAGS ALLEN - Piano and Keyboards

A piano player and keyboardist, Rags has performed for numerous years in both the U.S. and Canada and was just recently inducted to the Arizona Nightclub Performers Hall of Fame. He has performed with a myriad of top artists such as **Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, The Platters, and Lee Hazlewood.**

Rags has performed at various venues throughout the country such as Madison Square Garden, Caesars Palace, The Mirage, Grand Ol' Opry, The Phoenician Resort, Royal Palms Resort, Del Coronado Resort in San Diego, Broadmor Resort in Colorado Springs, MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, Harrahs Casino in Lake Tahoe and Reno Nevada, Casino Arizona, El Chorro Lodge and also private parties for the Super Bowl Team owners and the owners of Anheuser Busch. His style of music is very diverse and includes 60's, 70's, and 80's, Standards, MoTown, Rhythm and Blues, Country, and Latin.

Rags has a very large repertoire of songs and uses no tapes, no tracks and no computers of any kind. All of his music is performed live. From its melodic instrumentals to the strong vocals, his music is loved by both young and old. It is very easy to dance to and dancers are always welcome. Rags performs as a single or with his band, The Rags Allen Trio, and also adds horns as needed.

An upscale looking group from casual daytime performances to elegant night time shows, they are always dressed for the occasion.

ABBY RAY - Vocalist

Abby was born in the Bronx in New York City to musical parents (his father played with Xavier Cugat in the '40's). Growing up influenced by Sinatra, Abby eventually played for 4 years with Al Raitano, and later opened for **The Platters** and **The Temptations**, as well as **Tito Puente** and **Freddy Fender.**

STEVE CLARK - Drums

Steve Clark has been a professional drummer for nearly forty years. Highlights of his career include: Playing in well over 200 jazz festivals in the US, Canada, and Holland. An award-winning high school musician, Steve performed at the Reno International Jazz Festival, and received trophies as Outstanding Soloist at the Akron Jazz Festival two years in a row.

Steve was a music major at the University of Northern Colorado when he began working with Jack Costanzo, a Latin percussionist who performed extensively with Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee and Elvis Presley. Steve went on the road with Jack, ending up in LA and played in many Big Bands including The Buddy Morrow Big Band, the Pat Williams Big Band, Russ Phillips Big Band, and wild Bill Davison.

Steve has a gift for backing up vocalists and has performed with **Diahann Carroll, The Mills Brothers, The Shirelles,** Kay Starr, Beryl Davis, The Chiffons and The Coasters. A nine-year

stint as house drummer for the world famous Comedy Troupe “The Groundlings” kept Steve laughing out loud as he performed with comic actors like Phil Hartman, Kisa Kudrow, John Lovitz, Kathy Griffin and Will Ferrell.

Most famously, Steve played numerous times with television legend **Steve Allen**.

Now making his home in Arizona, Steve is happy to lend his musical talents to the Rags Allen Trio.