

Boogie Machine Bio 2024

When asked “What song had the greatest impact on you, growing up?”, Jerry Bergeson said “without a doubt it was ‘Play That Funky Music’ by Wild Cherry.” JB said in no uncertain terms it was the story of his life. He’s been a rock and roll guitarist and vocalist playing parties and nightclubs since before he was old enough to get in, which turned into a career. That song and others, were the impetus to the creation of Boogie Machine in 1998.

Boogie Machine is a high energy 70’s Disco Tribute Act. It doesn’t matter much if you say you don’t dance. When you hear The Commodores, KC & the Sunshine Band, Donna Summer, and the Bee Gees, you won’t have much choice in the matter, you’ll dance!

Sporting giant afros, bell bottoms, and 70s costuming, Boogie Machine performs all of your favorite 70’s Disco hits, something the entire family can enjoy.

Members

Jerry Bergeson seems to have been born with a guitar in hand. After spending years in various bands in high school and out on the road, he put together his own successful act called Lickety Split. They teasingly called themselves “Professional Homeless People.” For seven years they toured throughout the western US and even did some stints overseas for the US Army. Jerry is also an expert technician which is apparent in the band’s professionalism and having a reputation of being one of, if not the best, sounding groups around.

Michelle Bergeson is the bands bassist. She has been part and parcel of the band’s sound and impact since the very beginning. She was also a founding member of both Lickety Split and Boogie Machine. With over 30 years of “laying down the groove” she has developed her own fan base which is evident by the crowd that forms in front of her and watches in awe.

Marlena Brzezka is the band’s stunning vocalist. Her early roots come from choir and classical training as well as having toured most of Europe as a member of ethnic folk and dance groups. Originally from Poland, she won the regional equivalent to American Idol. Her powerhouse vocals add the “Wow” factor to Boogie Machine performances.

Alan Lemke is the band’s rock solid drummer. He performed with members of Buffalo Springfield and Poco throughout the US and internationally for more than 14 years. Recording and performing with local acts in Colorado for the last decade, Alan is the driving force behind the band’s disco dancing experience.

Highlights

Boogie Machine has been packing dancefloors and getting people on their feet since 1998. It’s difficult to spotlight particular events because there have been so many, along with lots of great nights at nightclubs and summer festivals, etc. Here are just a very few of the memorable events they’ve been part of:

August 2023 – Performing at Tomstock in Independence, MO. Tomstock is a massive concert with four bands. The event raised over \$500K for cancer research. They’ve done the gig three years in a row and are scheduled back for a fourth.

July 2021 – The band plays a picturesque wedding at the top of Mt. Crested Butte. This isn't the first one either. For years the band was associated with members of the US Ski team who had the band for two other weddings there as well as one in the Boston, MA area and many other parties.

October 2019 – Boogie Machine plays a massive corporate party at The Broadmoor. The Broadmoor is a popular spot for big corporate parties and the band has played there many times.

July 2019 – The band performs for a crowd of over 4000 people in downtown Cheyenne, WY. Boogie Machine has achieved an odd but wonderful status in Cheyenne. You'll see more afro wigs in the crowd there than anywhere else.

July 2018 – The band performs in Palisade, CO for a benefit for homeless people. Over 1000 people came out and had the time of their lives dancing in the lights of the band after the Grand Valley went pitch black on a beautiful summer night.

Others include: performing at a Colorado Rockies game for over 70,000 people, playing New Year's Eve at The Show in Palm Springs, CA, "accidentally" bringing in over 8000 people to the Depot Plaza in Cheyenne (subsequently forcing the police to shut down additional streets), performing for the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Avalanche, for innumerable summer concerts, and local charities such as Children's Hospital and The Boys and Girls Club. The list goes on and on.

So fun! So professional!

We have had the pleasure of working with Jerry and the entire band for several events including our Children's Gala, Lacrosse Ball and Courage Classic. They provided such a high-energy, excellent performance that our guests barely came off the dance floor! The entire group is extraordinarily professional and were willing to work within the event parameters provided without hesitation or question. Would highly recommend them to anyone! Such terrific performers!

Sheri Muilenburg

[Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation](#)

Fun, Fun, Fun!

I can't say enough about this group, we just love them. They have played our annual holiday party for the past 5 years and never disappoint. They are dependable, professional, engaging, flexible and always bring great energy! The dance floor is packed from the minute they begin to play and the crowd is singing right along. If you're looking for a band that brings fun and entertainment, Boogie Machine is the best.

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Boogie Machine ROCKS!

Boogie Machine played our wedding reception 7 years ago and I'm still told that it was the best reception my friends have gone to. They are so fun everyone was on the dance floor (even my 70 year old dad!). Every time we see them we have a blast. Boogie Machine ROCKS!

Melinda H., Bride

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