

Steely Dane Press Release Advance of Show

The songs of Steely Dan form the soundtrack for so many of our lives. The band, more than any other, brought together Jazz, Rock, and R&B sensibilities to form a whole new kind of pop music featuring sophisticated jazz voicing and an army of the best studio musicians to play them. These are the songs that we associate with the warm summer of 1978, our first kiss, and those ski trips out to Colorado.

Multiple-time winner of the MAMA award for Best Tribute Band and Madison Magazine's Best Cover Band, Steely Dane is dedicated to not only faithfully reproducing the Steely Dan and Donald Fagen songbook, but to bringing an energetic live-show experience to the crowd. Fifteen of Dane County's best jazz and rock musicians have banded together around their passion for Steely Dan music, playing in the same configuration as the Steely Dan touring band including a four-piece horn section and three background singers. Shows consist of hits and deep cuts and sometimes even complete albums and are sure to have you out of your seats singing along.

"THE LARGE ENSEMBLE FILLS THE HALL WITH SOUL AND SMARTS. IT'S A BIG BAND WITH A BIG SOUND, AND IT'S DAMN NEAR PERFECT."

– JOHN ROACH, MADISON MAGAZINE

Steely Dane is:

- Dave Adler – Musical Director, Keyboards, Vocals
- Dave Stoler – Musical Director, Keyboards
- Joey B. Banks – Drums
- James "Pie" Cowan – Percussion
- Jim Doherty – Trumpet
- Al Falaschi – Tenor Sax, Vocals
- Nick Bartell – Alto Sax
- Courtney Larsen – Trombone, Vocals
- Phil Lyons – Bass
- Alison Margaret – Backing Vocals
- Jay Moran – Guitar, Vocals
- Megan Moran – Backing Vocals
- Thomas Mattioli – Mallets
- Dennis Shepherd – Guitar, Vocals

Between them they have dozens of albums, national and world tours, TV and movie performances and even four Grammy nominations.

“A SUPERGROUP OF 14 CONSUMMATE MUSICIANS PLAY THE MUSIC OF STEELY DAN AS FAITHFULLY AS POSSIBLE.”

– MADISON MAGAZINE

The band’s songbook is 52 songs deep which means they can bring all the hits and sprinkle in the great deep cuts that Steely fans adore. The group is co-led by musical directors David Adler and David Stoler, Madison musicians with deep experience in rock and jazz music.

“Steely Dan is this great band where jazz and rock come together with the best of both of those worlds, and we felt like it’d be a great opportunity to bring together my rocker friends and Dave’s jazzier friends to play some music that both rockers and jazzers love,” Adler said. “That was eight years ago, and we’ve been running with it ever since.”

“WITH ENTHUSIASM AND EXPERT MUSICIANSHIP, STEELY DANE IS A JOY TO WATCH.”

-MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINAL

“We consider ourselves to be more of a celebration of Steely Dan than a tribute,” Adler said. “It’s a fantastic experience. Playing live, for all of us, is just kind of the coolest thing you can do. It’s a real blast to play these tunes that everyone knows and sings along with.”

“We’re committed to continue adding songs to the already long list of tunes. We even have a form on our website that allows users to suggest songs for us to add. We pay attention to that and frequently add those songs.”

More information is available at steelydane.com

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