# Background Music Group

Specialty Musicians providing Live Music for Events & Venues
New York Metro Area & Long Island
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# **Group Overview:**

This cooperative represents the solo musicians and vocalists that make up the ensembles we offer as the Background Music Group. Founder Robert Gayle, has been in the entertainment business for over 30 years, and has put together this small group of professional musicians and vocalists who are a polished, highly skilled, 1-8-piece musical act. They are all established musicians and vocalists and can cover a wide musical range as well as being the consummate professionals and will keep your event on track.

The group offers everything from solo and/or vocalist ensembles to our diverse full dance band. We can adjust the size of the group to fit the event size, style and budget. Whether an event is envisioned for 25 guests or 500 guests, we can offer the right configuration to fit the space, the acoustics and to impress your guests, clients or customers.

We are available for all private events and we are looking to build mutually beneficial relationships with corporate planners, restaurants, wineries, hotels/resorts, and bar/lounge venues throughout Long Island and the New York Metro Area.

## Type of Experiences We Offer:

The group offers musical experiences based on Your Entertainment Vision for your event, your Sound Environment Needs, and your Location Size and Configuration. We take pride in our services and design each event around the vision and the musical taste of each client.

#### BACKGROUND MUSIC

**For Quieter, ambient background music:** the group offers Instrumental soloists. The volume of the music can be completely controlled to remain in the background and provide a pleasant backdrop to your event.

Instrumental Soloist play continuous instrumental music with agreed upon breaks.

#### **Instrumental Guitar:**

This is a unique alternative to the classical quartet/jazz piano presentation, and can be perfect where you want music in the background so your guests can hold conversations

A completely versatile performance, this can either be a **classic acoustic presentation** or for a complete entertainment package, we offer an exclusive Virtual Music Enhancement Performance.



Digital Accompaniment provides a musical toolbox of virtual sounds to enhance the soloist's performance. From percussion and rhythm backing to piano, sax, flute and brass accents, a unique virtual musical presentation will be created in layers right in front of your guests, clients or customers.

Sophisticated and unique the **Virtual Music Enhancement Performance** is the choice of our highly selective clients seeking to create unique, upscale event that is distinctive and memorable.

#### **Instrumental Piano:**

The group offers the classic instrumental jazz piano experience; and that piano can either be our electric keyboard, or your tuned & playable acoustic piano at the event location. Once again this is perfect where you want music in the background so your guests can hold conversations. The music will be a mix of jazz standards and contemporary cocktail music.

## **ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC**

For Event Music that is meant to be upfront and the event's entertainment, we have ensembles to fit your Entertainment Vision for your event.

Ensembles play a mix of songs that everyone knows and loves, crowd pleasers, and a variety of music that will appeal to all generations.

For Small Restaurants, Galleries, Wineries, Small venues, Small Private Parties, and cocktail hour type Corporate Event slots, we suggest the following types of lineups without a drummer, keeping the volume and space requirements manageable:

#### **SOLOIST**

• A classic presentation with Acoustic/Electric Guitar and Vocals

#### **DUOS**

- Acoustic/Electric Guitar Vocalist accompanied by Female Vocalist
- Keyboard/Piano accompanied by Female Vocalist
- An alternative classic presentation with two Acoustic/Electric Guitar Vocalists

#### **TRIOS**

- Two Acoustic/Electric Guitar Vocalists together with supporting Keyboard/Piano
- Acoustic/Electric Guitar Vocalist, Keyboard/Piano accompanied by Bass

# For Dinner Dances, Larger Parties, Dance Band Events, Corporate Band Slots we recommend the following types of lineups:

#### **TRIOS**

- Two Acoustic/Electric Guitar Vocalists together with Keyboard/Piano
- Acoustic/Electric Guitar Vocalist, Keyboard/Piano accompanied by Bass

#### The Full BACKGROUND MUSIC GROUP BAND

- Two Acoustic/Electric Guitar Vocalists
- Keyboard/Piano
- Bass
- Drums
- Female Vocalist
- Additional Female Backup Singers

# WE CAN PUT TOGETHER ANY COMBINATION OF LINEUPS TO COVER YOUR EVENT FROM COCKTAILS TO DANCING

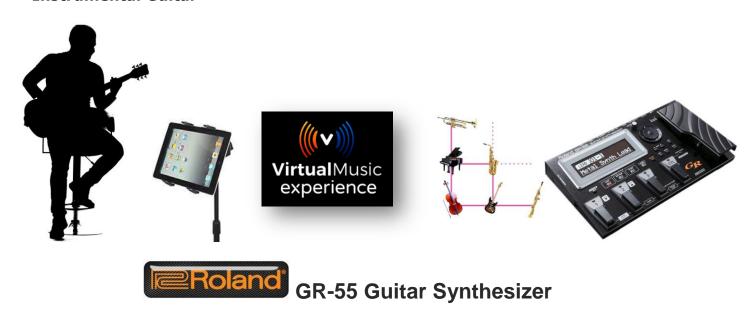
The group can play all styles of popular music, and can multi-task by offering jazz during cocktails, and top 40 during the dancing (or whatever combination you'd prefer).



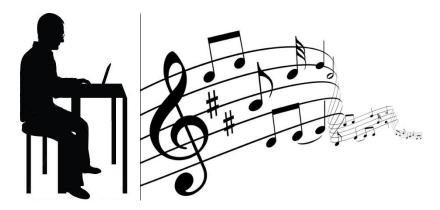
# **Performance Options Overview:**

# **INSTRUMENTAL SOLOIST(S):**

• Instrumental Guitar



• Instrumental Jazz Keyboard or Piano



## **DUOS:**

• Guitar/Female & Male vocals



• Jazz Keyboard accompanied by Female vocals





# Performance Options Overview Continued: **DUOS**:

• Two Guitars & Vocals



# **TRIOS:**

• Two Guitars & Vocals and Keyboard



• Add Female Vocals



# **FULL BAND:**



# Venues:

We are specialists in performing at corporate events, restaurants, wineries, galleries, country clubs, special events and private parties

#### Restaurants







# Indoor and Outdoor Corporate Events & Private Parties





# Wineries and Public Spaces





## Music:

The group performs contemporary Dance Music, Rock, R&B and Jazz, as well as specialty sounds such as Reggae, Latin, Motown, Swing and Original Compositions that fit the event.





3 Doors Down
Alanis Morissette
Alice Merton
Alison Krauss
Anna Nalick
Bad Company
Bananrama
Bangles
Bee Gees
Ben Harper
Billy Idol
Billy Joel
Blondie
Bob Marley

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Bob Seger
Boston
Boz Scaggs
Bread

Bruce Springsteen

Carole King Chuck Berry Clean Bandit

Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

David Bowie Def Leppard Diana Ross Donna Summer

Duffy Echosmith Ed Sheeran Eddie Money

Electric Light Orchestra

Elton John Elvis Costello

Emerson, Lake & Palmer

Enrique Iglesias Eric Clapton Eurythmics Evanescence Extreme Fastball

Fleetwood Mac Foo Fighters Grateful Dead

Heart

Huey Lewis & The News

James Brown
James Taylor
Jeff Beck
Jimi Hendrix
Jimmy Cliff
Joe Satriani
Jorma Kaukonen

Journey Kansas Katy Perry

KC & The Sunshine Band

Kelly Clarkson
Kenny Loggins
Kim Wilde
Led Zeppelin
Leonard Cohen
Linda Ronstadt
Little Feat

Matchbox Twenty Michael Jackson Natalie Merchant

Neil Young No Doubt Norah Jones Pat Benatar Pearl Jam Phil Collins

Pink Pink Floyd Plain White T's Portugal. The Man

Pretenders Rihanna Robin Thicke Santana Sara Bareilles Selena Gomez Sheryl Crow

Sia

Simon and Garfunkel

Steely Dan

Steve Miller Band Stevie Ray Vaughan Stevie Wonder

Sting

Supertramp Talking Heads Taylor Swift

The Allman Brothers Band

The B-52's The Beach Boys The Beatles The Black Crowes

The Eagles
The Police

The Rolling Stones
The Romantics
The Who

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers Tommy Tutone

Train

Van Morrison

ZZ Top

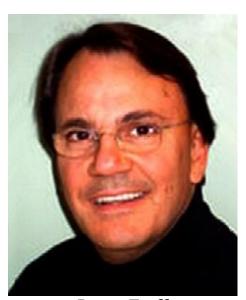
# **Group Featured Members:**





Robert Gayle Solo Acoustic / Electric Guitarist





Bruce Torff Solo Jazz Pianist







Kenneth Hughes Acoustic / Electric Guitarist



# **Group Featured Members:**





Karin Lyngstad-Hughes Female Vocalist

# Recent Gigs:

#### **Ponte Mollo Restaurant**

Great Neck, NY An evening with Music Event (sold out) – Full Band

#### **Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock**

Manhasset, NY

Spring Dance Event - Cocktail and Dance sets - Full Band

### **Target Specific, LLC**

New York, NY Corporate Cocktail Event – Solo Guitarist

## **The Stony Point Center**

Stony Point, NY Dance Event – Full Band

### **The Durham Gallery**

New York, NY Art Gallery Opening Event – Solo Guitarist

### **Espresso 77**

Jackson Heights, NY Recurring Evening with Music Event – Trio & Singers

#### The Webb Institute

Glen Cove, NY Benefit Event – Full Band

# **Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Restaurant**

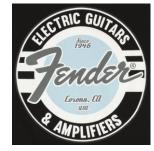
Great Neck, NY Recurring Evening with Music Event – Trio & Singers

# Gear Details:

We only use professional grade Pro Audio equipment.

All of our equipment is maintained in performance ready condition, so clients can count on the show going on without a hitch.









Acoustic / Electric Guitars



Digital Amplification and Signal Processing



Pro Audio Mixing Boards



Pro Audio PA Systems



Digital Audio Looping and Sampling Digital Studio Drums and Percussion

# Sound Details:

We are self-contained and can provide the sound equipment if your venue does not have a PA system; this is included in the price of the performance.

#### **SMALL VENUE PA SYSTEM:**

Our small PA systems typically provide an appropriate level of sound for most small venues, and where space is at a premium. This system can create an experience completely in the background or up front and center, depending on the type of performance you are looking for.

#### **Behringer Xenyx X1222USB Mixing Board with Effects**

Low noise, high headroom analog mixer; 6 phantom-powered XENYX microphone preamps; 4 compressors for professional vocal and instrumental sound; "British" 3-band EQs for warm and musical sound; Effects processor with 16 editable presets including reverb, chorus, flanger, delay, pitch shifter and multi-effects; Stereo USB audio Interface to connect directly to a computer; 2 aux sends per channel: 1 pre fader for monitoring, 1 post fader (for internal FX and/or as external send); 2 multi-functional stereo aux returns; 7-band stereo graphic EQ allows precise frequency correction of monitor or main mixes; Control room & headphone outputs.

#### **Powerwerks PW100T PA System**

A powerful and portable PA system and the sound quality is unsurpassed. 100 watt RMS, 3 channel powered speaker/mixer, four 4.5" drivers with a high frequency horn, is more than enough for most small locations.



#### **MEDIUM VENUE PA SYSTEM:**

Our traditional medium PA systems typically provide an appropriate level of sound for most medium sized venues and where we will be performing with our Full Band.



#### **LARGE VENUE PA SYSTEM:**

Most large venues have their own PA system for performances. Where that is not the case, we would need to discuss the details of the event and review the size of venue, to come up with an appropriate sound reinforcement solution.

# **Booking info:**



We offer Booking Options to meet all Clients' needs:

- (A) Continuous Music (no breaks) booking option
- (B) Sets with Breaks booking option, which can be configured to suit your event.
- (C) **Per-Hour Basis**, with a 1-hour minimum

We hope to be given the opportunity to speak or meet with you or your staff. Of course, no charge for consultations and we are happy to meet you in person to discuss your event.

Contact Us: and we can begin by discussing the type of music experience you are looking for, the type of event you are having, the nature of your guests and audience, and your budget.



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