

Classical Mystery Tour - Bios

Chris Camilleri was born in Bethpage, N.Y. An early and extended affinity for the drums bore fruit at the end of his school years, when he began to perform with various bands in the New York tri-state area. A founding member of the internationally renowned Beatle copy band "Liverpool", he began performing at the Beatlefest national conventions in 1979 (an extended engagement which continues to this day). During this time, he has performed with many well-known artists such as Mickey Dolenz, Joe Walsh and Billy Squier. Along with his musical efforts, Camilleri has worked extensively in the computer and voice-over fields. In late 1994, he lent his voice to several area radio campaigns and continues to pursue this field.

Singer-songwriter **Tony Kishman** was born in Tucson, Az. where he began his musical career in the early 1970's. Although he had been playing guitar for a number of years, it was not until age 19 that Kishman started performing seriously. Kishman's early influences included "Wishbone Ash", "Bad Company", and Peter Frampton. Between 1973 and 1978 he played guitar in the group, "Cheap Trix", a cover band performing Top 40 as well as originals. Starting in 1979, Kishman played bass and guitar for six years in both the national and international tours of *Beatlemania*. He then went on to perform in "Legends in Concert" and produced shows that ran in Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe. He recently joined the classic super group, "Wishbone Ash" for a tour of Europe. The group's 18th album is scheduled for release late this year.

Jim Owen was born and raised in Huntington Beach, California. He gained rich musical experience from his father, who played music from the classics for him on the piano and from his extensive library of recordings by the great classical artists. Owen began studying the piano at 6, and won honors in various piano performance competitions through his teenage years. He was 8 years old when he first heard The Beatles, and promptly decided to take up the study of the guitar. His first professional performance as a Beatle was at 16. Then, at age 18, he began touring internationally with various productions of *Beatlemania*, visiting Japan, Korea, China, Canada, Mexico, and much of South America. In 1996, Owen began working on his idea for a new show with orchestra. It has long been his dream to share with the public live performances of some of the greatest music ever written and recorded. *Classical Mystery Tour* was the result.

Thomas Teeley has starred as George Harrison in both the Broadway production of *Beatlemania* as well as the film version. His vocal impersonations of numerous other rock icons have also been featured in many television ads as well as other Broadway productions. He has written songs for artists such as Alice Cooper, as well as touring the world as singer-guitarist for Joe Jackson, Sophie B. Hawkins and many others. Tom still enjoys recreating the classic Beatle recordings in a live performance setting, with an attention to detail, which is his hallmark.

A resident of Los Angeles, **Martin Herman** was educated at Duke University, University of Pennsylvania, University of California at Berkeley, and Stanford University. He also spent two years in Paris on a Fulbright Grant where he worked as a composer and conductor with the "New American Music in Europe" and "American Music Week" festivals. Aside from his conducting interests, Herman is an active composer and arranger. He has received fellowships and grants from the American Music Center, the Camargo Foundation, Meet the Composer, Trust for Mutual Understanding, and the National Endowment for the Arts. He has written chamber and orchestral works as well as 2 operas. He is recorded on the Albany Record label. As a long time Beatle fan, Martin is pleased to have provided the orchestral transcriptions heard on the *Classical Mystery Tour* show. Recent guest conducting engagements include the Louisville Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony, The Kansas City Symphony, the Fort Worth Symphony, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Virginia Symphony, the Delaware Symphony, the Alabama Symphony, the Omaha Symphony, and the Philharmonia Chamber Orchestra in Prague, Czech Republic.