



## *Hit Factory*

### *Band Member Biography*

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#### **Stephanie Tornatora - Lead Vocals, Backing Vocals, Percussion**

Stephanie is the female lead vocalist with “Hit Factory” and is a singing & music instructor at West End Music Academy.

Stephanie has worked in the music industry for over twenty years. In that time she has sung in many leading Perth bands at local Hotels/clubs and corporate functions and has taught many budding vocalists the tricks of the trade. She is a session singer, music lecturer and an all-round co-ordinator of musical projects.

Stephanie has had vast experience as a lead singer and backing vocalist for many interstate acts including:

**Angry Anderson (Rose Tattoo)**  
**Doc Neeson (Angels)**  
**Deborah Conway,**  
**Eric Weiderman (1927)**

**Mark Gable (Choirboys)**  
**John English,**  
**Mark Hunter (Dragon),**  
**Ross Wilson**

... Just to mention a few..

Stephanie has worked with the ABC network on "Good News Week" singing backing vocals for Paul McDermot and Fiona Horne for the New Year's Eve show filmed in Perth in 1998. She has also performed with Channel 7 singing backing vocals for the Fremantle Dockers.

Stephanie has worked at numerous corporate show and cultural events and recorded backing vocals on local artist CD's. She has sung many radio/TV jingles for Jingles Australia, Shelter, Revolver, Tracks, SH Boom, Jingle Factory and 92.9fm. **Currently Stephanie can be heard singing radio & TV jingles including Bunning Warehouse, Pot Black, Instant Windscreens and Lambrusco.**

Her local band history includes: Trios – Out of Our Trio and Check It Out, Bands – Blush, Beauties and the Beast, Slim Jim and The Fatts Band, The Night After, Cats Crafty, Nightfire, Ow Gang, 040, Dicks and the Dames.

When required, Stephanie takes on various music projects including co-ordinating a 20 part choir for Christmas functions and is occasionally a guest lecturer at Tafe (Music Industry Course) with knowledge in theory, aural skills and vocal training. She has co-ordinated and taught a school holiday music program incorporating singing, song writing and dancing for students 12-17 years and organises vocal students concerts when required.

Steph studied at Edith Cowan Academy of Performing Arts for two years and attained a Diploma of Music certificate. During this time she was one of four students selected to represent the contemporary music sector in Manilla in the Philippines.

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### **Chad Daily - Lead Vocals, Backing Vocals & Percussion**

Chad's the lead male vocalist with "Hit Factory" and has a rare blend of both performance and hospitality management experience so really knows how to deliver a cutting edge, engaging show to suit each and every event style.

Chad has been singing and performing from a very early age with his debut public performance at the Sydney Opera House (ahem, we don't talk about how long ago that was). Chad has travelled most of the country and whilst in Queensland in particular, performed with a variety of bands over many years while managing bars, night clubs and resorts. Some of the well-known names Chad has worked with include Jimmy Barnes, Margaret Ulrich, Kate Cebrano, Russell Crowe's band and many others. He's one of few singers who has the smooth tones to deliver dinner ballads like "Moondance" and "Angels" plus the raw power to deliver the big powerhouse hits from the likes of "AC/DC" and "Bon Jovi", plus everything in between.

In Perth Chad is known from other bands including Half Step Down and Afterglo. Chad has both performed and managed shows ranging from venues and clubs, to weddings (several hundred - he's very patient with anxious brides-to-be) and public performances of thousands of people. He is well renowned for his stage presence, loves a crowd, loves to engage with the audience to make sure everyone enjoys themselves and gets into the fun. In fact, we are yet to find a stage big enough for him - he just can't help but join in the fun when the moment is right and into the crowd he goes, often bringing up a guest or two to have some fun with the band on stage.

In Chad's spare time he's a General Manager in the Accommodation / Hospitality industry. So, if you need a place to stay.....

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## **Gary Lewis – Drums & Percussion**

### **PROFILE**

Gary is a drummer with over 30 years of playing experience, and has played with some of Perth's top & respected musicians, and international recording artists.

### **EXPERIENCE**

Gary has played with and supported some top recording artists in his musical career, When Gary was at a ripe age of just 11, he was working the stage with a young band called the BLOOD BROTHERS , the band had a sponsorship from Coca Cola & were performing at such events in the late 70s at all the Jeans West miss west coast events, and already supported artists such as John Farnham, Air Supply, Supernaut, John Paul Young, Ted Mulry Gang.

### **EDUCATION**

Completed contemporary music course Edith Cowan University Drum Teacher for 2 years with own business

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Gary as a professional drummer has had the opportunity to play for recording artist and toured in the early 80s & late 90s with such artists as KIM HART, THE MIXTURES, and has many to add to that list, Gary toured Queensland with a band called DREAM TECHNIQUES in the early 1980s, DREAM TECHNIQUES became a highly successful touring band in Queensland and spent six years doing the circuit. Locally Gary spent a long time with some of Perth's highly regarded bands, such as RED SQUARE which included some of perth's very well known players within the industry, Gary also spent around 4 years playing with SLIM JIM & THE FATTS band where he was recognized as a veteran of the industry and was given a full **PEARL DRUMS endorsement**. Gary is now playing with a group of musicians in **HIT FACTORY** who are some of Perth's most well respected players within this industry.

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### **Chris Demiris - Guitar, backing vocals**

Self-proclaimed Casanova of the band, Fabio will have you swooning with his provocative melodies and pulsing rhythms that seem to ooze from every part of his being. A sight to behold indeed.

"Fabio" has played with bands such as The Jazz Stars and original band the Precious Stones. His expertise also extends to writing and playing jingles for The WA Football League and Channel 7.

*In Chris's spare time he is a chef!*

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### **Nigel Clements - Bass, Backing vocals**

Nigel has over 35 years experience playing anything and everything, from jazz, pop, rock cabarets to pubs. The musical knowledge and style acquired over these years is to be amazed.

Nigel has played with many popular local and interstate bands and has really found his niche in the band "Hit Factory"

*In Nigel's spare time he is an professional Piano Tuner!*

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### **Russell Stokes - Keyboards, Backing vocals**

Russ is responsible for all the keyboard parts that really give an exciting new perspective to the band.

He is always looking for those new sounds whether it is brass, sax, strings, piano or power synthesizer, his style is unique and keeps the band sounding up to date with the very latest sounds and techniques.

Over his 37 years music industry experience, Russ has played, toured and given keyboard clinics throughout Europe and America and has appeared as a guest artist with big bands in Chicago as well as playing in various jazz bands in Frankfurt, Germany.

Russell has had his own music schools and shops and now enjoys his professional music career as owner / manager of The Hit Factory Band.

*In Russell's spare time he is a Bank Manager (Need a loan???)*