

Meet the Lymphomaniacs

So you're thinking of staging a benefit to raise funds to fight cancer, or fund research, or maybe just to help people trying to fight the disease? You'd like some live music for your event?

How about a professional band, made up entirely of *cancer survivors*? Two of the band are also published recording artists with solo and band CDs to their names.

We play a mix of rock, folk rock, country, and blues, and we've been known to get people up and dancing — *at rehearsals!* All members of the band are experienced on stage and in the studio, and all bring a highly professional attitude to our music. But we're also there to have fun, because Reader's Digest has it right — laughter is the best medicine, even if sometimes it needs a little help from chemo or radiation.

Meet the Band:

Luke Michielsen

Luke is our guitar player and lead singer. He's also the youngest member of the group, but has definitely made his bones as a recording artist. His first CD, *Rival Cities*, was recorded in 2007 with his band, Slowking. He has since released two solo CDs, *Burn to the Ground* (2008) and *Meddle in the Natural Order* (2011), both of which feature his original songs. Luke is a survivor of testicular cancer. On a serious note, Luke would like everyone to understand that he has never been on Canadian Idol.



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Bobby Mowers



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Bangin' Bobby is our drummer and band leader. His passion for percussion began in high school (how many years ago is classified), and he has played in bands of many different genres from good old rock and roll to jazz and swing. He has studio and live performance experience, and has even taught others to play the drums. Notables that Bobby has played with include Glass Tiger and Ronnie Hawkins and the Hawks. In fact, Bobby was scheduled to tour with the Hawks but the tour was cancelled when Ronnie Hawkins was diagnosed with cancer. The Lymphomaniacs is his idea — what a great way to give cancer the finger. Bobby is a survivor of leukemia.

Jack Patriarche

Jack is our bass player, and contributes harmonies and some lead singing. Quirky fact: the guy who plays the low notes, sings the high notes. Jack was classically trained as a countertenor, and has appeared at a number of church events and at the National Arts Centre. He is currently working on recordings with his blues and country bands, and as a studio musician with a local

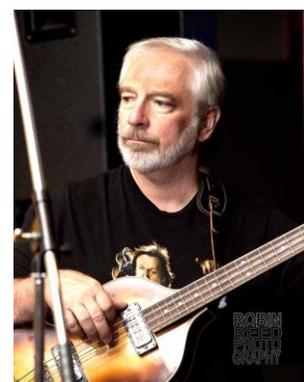


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songwriter. He has performed on stage all around York Region, and has jammed with Connie Scriver, Grant Lyle, and Neil Chapman, among others. Jack is a survivor of bladder cancer.

Hurricane Mike Thompson

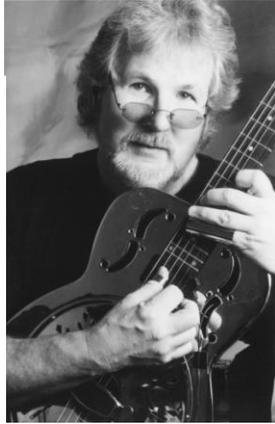


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Hurricane Mike shares lead singing duties with Luke, and is our multi-instrumentalist and most prominent musician. You'll hear him on pedal steel, lap steel, dobro, slide guitar, guitar, and harp. He is also a prolific and award-winning singer/songwriter whose work has been recorded by Wayne Rostad, Rick Fielding, and a host of others, and has received air play. He has two instrumental CDs, *Dobro Pickin'* and *A Dobro Christmas*. His vocal CD is *Voices from Other Rooms*, a blues-based mix of covers and originals on which he plays all the instruments except the electronic percussion. Hurricane has been in the studio with a number of well-known musicians, including Helen Reddy, and has performed live with such notables as Murray McLauchlan, Jack De Keyser, Shirley Eikhard, Ricky Scaggs, and Jeff Healey. He is also available as a solo performer. Hurricane and Jack play together in the Dustaleros, a country swing band, as well as the Lymphomaniacs.

Hurricane is a survivor of urethral cancer, and has donated a kidney to beating the disease. He is also the source of our name, the Lymphomaniacs — he believes in giving cancer all the respect it deserves. None.

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