

Fat Tractor

Formed in 2006, three well established musicians from the Tampa Bay music scene came together to form Fat Tractor. The idea was to produce a sound that pushes the boundary of the typical trio. They infuse their years of experience with vocal harmonies, tight riffs, and a set list that is familiar, original and full of surprises!

On acoustic guitar, harmonica, and vocals is Jim Brandenburg. As a performer, Jim has been down many diverse roads such as jazz, blues, funk, country, and alternative rock. He puts life and experience into a sound that is uniquely his own through all the music he has written and the sounds he creates. Jim's southern roots are always on full display while fitting perfectly into each song he performs.

On bass guitar, lead and background vocals is Tony Thomas. He was raised in the Midwest but has lived all over this great country, from Kentucky to Connecticut with a long stop-over in the Pacific Northwest for good measure. He's played many instruments over the years but focused on bass in the late 80's and since then has played everything from jazz to punk, to rock and Americana with a heavy focus on original material. Tony has logged hundreds of hours in the studio as a producer, engineer and musician and loves holding down the bottom for this band.

On drums, lead and backup vocals, spoons, knives, forks, walls or anything nearby is Jere Watkins. Raised in the south, his style and taste in music is a perfect fit with Fat Tractor. Jere's versatile path includes, Pop, Funk, Rock, Country, Classical and R&B. Traveling, performing and recording extensively through the 80's and 90's and teaching drums for over 15 years, Jere now calls Tampa Bay home.

Constantly growing and changing, these guys refuse to cave in to the same old thing. Unlike other bands, Fat Tractor plays without the crutches of pre-programmed tracks and created a sound that is full and rich with a great visual show as well. Each time you see them it's truly a performance to be remembered!!