

Jesters / Athens, Georgia

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Brief Description	Based in the epicenter of the party of the '60s, the Jesters featured a very strong horn section. In the '60s they backed many major R&B performers at many different venues including The Beach Club, Rogue's Gallery, The Po Boy Club, the Coachman & Four and others. Stories of their experiences backing Marvin Gaye, The Platters, The Marvelettes, and others are included in the book. The Jesters contributed many posters and photos of actual '60s events for use in the book. Their cover of <i>I Dig You Baby</i> is included on one of the book's two CDs. Almost all of the Jesters from the '60s still perform together today playing the music of The Heeey Baby Days.			
Year Established	1964-CURRENT			
Favorite Venues	Charlie Williams (Athens), Poss' Lakeview (Athens), Beach Club (Myrtle Beach, Chateau Elan (current))			
Music Genre/Recordings	R&B <i>Shake A Tailfeather</i> , CD titled <i>People Get Ready</i> - 8 cuts			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Saye, Ed		Vocals	1964-1966	Occasionally performs with current Jesters, recorded CD of hymns
Prince, Bob			1964-1966	
Coffeen, Larry		Saxophone	1964-1965	
Prince, David			1964-1966	
Osner, Joel	Atlanta		1964-1968	Performed as "One Man Band" following days with Jesters
Williams, Harold	Athens, GA	Saxophone	1964-1968, 1981-Current	Athens CPA, played also with King David & The Slaves, Marshall Tucker Band, Gregg Allman Band, Goose Creek Symphony
Causey, Davis	Athens, GA	Guitar	1964-1968, 1981-Current	Also played with King David & The Slaves, Sea Level, prolific writer
McDonald, Bill	Athens, GA	Saxophone	1964-1969, 1981-Current	Jesters celebrated 40th anniversary with concert in downtown Athens, McDonald was an original band member
Whitehead, Donny	Athens, GA	Saxophone	1964-1969, 1981-Current	Performed with Judge and Jury, Al Hartley and the Heartbeats, and The Embers Band of Athens (1963) self employed and Jesters' band member
Seagraves, Freddy	Murrayville, GA	Drums	1964-1969, 1981-Current	"I can't do without my drummer," <i>Marvin Gaye</i>
Brown, Freddie		Keyboards	1965-1965	
Young, Diana		Vocals	1965-1965	
Allgood, Don		Organ	1965-1966	
Christopher, Artie	Deceased	Vocals	1965-1968	
Piotrowski, Scott	Jefferson	Trumpet	1965-1968, 1981-Current	Also played with King David & Slaves
Hartley, Steve	Gainesville	Vocals	1967-1969, 1981-Current	
Young, Billy	Lilburn, GA	Trumpet	1965-1969, 1981-Current	
Nally, Cleon	Gainesville	Bass	1965-1979, 1981-Current	
Black, Monty		Bass	1968-1968	

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Hill, Lawrence		Vocals, Trumpet	1968-1969	
Aaron, David		Guitar	1968-1969	
Young, Clarence		Keyboards	1982-1995	
Haynes, Mike	Gainesville	Keyboards	1991-Current	Also played with the Reunion Band (formerly known as David Aaron Band, Ivory Joe Black, and Spring-Loaded)
Ryan, Tom		Bass	2004 - Current	