

THE PARTY SQUAD

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Founding members Dave Elder (Buffalo Music Hall of Fame Guitarist) and Mark Dixon (Buffalo Music Hall of Fame Vocalist/drummer) with the exceptionally talented Nelson Starr (Buffalo Music Awards Winner Best Keyboardist /vocalist/bass).

**MASTERS
OF SINGING AND
PLAYING DIVERSE
STYLES OF MUSIC.**

THE PARTY SQUAD... superlative musicianship. No gimmicks, no silly costumes, no fake music “tracks”, just a huge array of great favorite, classic, vintage and new music performed by expert musicians who have become and remain one of Buffalo’s most highly recognized and well respected music groups.



[The Buffalo News recognized The Party Squad as one of the “Top 5 Local Rock Acts in Buffalo’s history of rock music”.](#)

From rock concerts to formals they adapt to their audiences and transform each occasion into a fun time for all.



They can play more favorite songs, with a greater variety of styles and can emulate the sounds of original artists more closely than any group in the region. They are not a typical trio! Because of special abilities, their sound outperforms most of the 5, 6 and larger piece groups in the W.N.Y. market. Highly developed talents and skills allow them to do musical things that groups with many more people can't do. That's why fans continue to see, hear and enjoy The PARTY SQUAD.

Successful in a wide range and a large number of live music venues for over 19 years. They have developed the ability to appeal and cater to audiences of many different types.

They have a long list of successful achievements and many people serve as references to highly recommend them.

- David Clayton Thomas, after a Blood Sweat & Tears show in Buffalo, came to see the group on someone's recommendation. After hearing vocalist /drummer, Mark sing a BS&T song, he told the night club manager "I've only heard two guys that had me down, Rich Little, and this guy."

from a review of July 1, 2001 Three Dog Night/ Party Squad concert at Holiday Valley Resort in Special Effects newspaper, by the late Hank Dubey
“Everyone pretty much expected Three Dog Night to be good, but I thought the Party Squad’s opening act almost stole the show. One of the members of Three Dog Night later commented that after having performed all over the world for many years, he could honestly say that he thought Party Squad was in the top 1% of cover bands... That’s strong stuff.”

- Three Dog night lead singer, Cory Wells, had The Party Squad perform for his daughter’s wedding reception!

- For the Assistant Secretary of Health of the USA, the Governor of NY State George Pataki, Supreme Court Judge Inauguration Balls, Buffalo Bills Sports Team Events, all of the Western New York State region's finest Country Clubs (at their most prestigious events), Art Galleries, Museums, and countless weddings, restaurants and banquet halls, The Party Squad continues to be a "first call" music group for events and special occasions.

A year of "live on the air" performance for the WKSE (aka KISS) 98.5 Radio Morning Show helped gain popularity for the group and a #1 Arbitron rating for the station. For years the theme song for WKBW TV weekday show "AM Buffalo" featured the Party Squad's music.

14 annual New Years Eve Ball Drop performances for audiences of sometimes more than 40,000 have become traditional.

For over 19 years The Party Squad has been and remains full time professional music makers. It's difficult to understand how versatile the band can be.

In addition to special events, they regularly play popular rock bars where they keep in the public eye and ear, perform a pick of the best current music and maintain vitality, avoiding the image of being just an "oldies" or "wedding band".

- At times, when it is desired, the core group can expand using additional musicians. Though it's rare, they've included up to 10 players in one performance. "Cream of the crop" musicians such as Joe Rozler, Sue Rozler, Michael Civisca, Mary Stahl, Jeff Jarvis, Chu Nero, Janice Mitchell, Barbara Sinclair, Billy McEwen and Dave Schiavone are good examples of auxiliary talent.

Below are some quotes from satisfied clients:

"A group of three that sounds like ten... Everyone was on the dance floor-all night long." - Paul and Elizabeth Bartalone, owner of Homeward Bound.

"They can play any style of music to absolute perfection from Louis Armstrong to KC and the Sunshine Band, to Frank Sinatra. We had far more compliments on the Party Squad than any other aspect of our wedding."
- Raymond and Katherine Cich

The Party Squad

- \$2,000.00 - for a performance up to four hours time span (typically 3 - 1 hr. sets)
- additional time and/or musicians are available - call for pricing

