

The Original Remnants is a 10 piece horn band playing the music people love to dance to. Songs from Chicago, Earth, Wind and Fire, Kool and the Gang, Bruno Mars, Chris Stapleton, Reba McEntire, Etta James and many more will keep you dancing the night away.

So...who are the Remnants?

Steve Wendtland played Trombone and sang with the Original Triumphs for more than 30 years and when the band decided to retire, he wanted to make sure the guys had the send off they deserved! As for not playing and singing...well, he has a LOT more music to play and boy can he play and sing!!!



On the bass is **Billy Hafer** originally from Flint Michigan. He has played with bands such as Squires, Krystal Blue, Barons, Chance, Double Back and Texas Pride. Texas Pride was a very popular country band known to play the Houston area and beyond. Billy not only plays bass but also sings songs from ZZ Top and Neil Diamond. A must hear!

Kevin Peikert, known to some as "KP", started his musical career right here in El Campo Texas with local favorite Southern Comfort. From there he played with such bands as The Mixx, Kevin Eagan, Derringer, and a little taste of some 80s rock with Grand Mullett. After that he started "Kist By Grace", a Christian music group with his wife Debra Gayle. They also began handling sound and lighting for The Original Triumphs in 2010 and eventually got to share their stage as the lead guitarist for a season before the Originals retired in Feb 2023. Now it's on to new horizons with The Remnants.

Debra Gayle, originally from Mississippi started her career on stage at the young age of 4 years old. She grew up singing with The Hensarlings in MS then moved to Houston, Texas and continued her music career with such bands as Luck Of The Draw, Renegade, Hotel 908, Grand Mullett and Kist By Grace. She was the monitor engineer for The Original Triumphs back in 2010 then gradually started singing with them. During the Original Triumphs Retirement tour, she played keys, sang and played Soprano sax. With the Remnants Debra is singing more and even dusted off her tenor saxophone to help carry the torch of the horn band tradition.

On drums we have **Michael Taylor**, originally from Lexington, Kentucky. He is a former member of the Original Triumph's in the late 70's, has played in worship bands in Colorado and Katy, and has also played for Permanent Guests in Colorado and Kat and the Henchmen in Katy. He loves all kinds of music, has a large record collection with his wife that they enjoy. In addition to his musical talent, Michael loves painting, cooking, and spending time with his family and two rescue dogs.

Lead guitar player, **Steve Haygood**, played with The Original Triumphs quite close to the beginning in the late 70's however. After that he played with such bands as Derringer, Badlandz, and Steel Country. Steve also found time to get his music education degree and graduate Cum Laude from Houston Baptist University. Today he's playing lead guitar and singing vocals on The Remnants stage.

Rollie Cardner began playing keyboards in the early a 80's during his college years at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX. After graduation he moved to Clear Lake, TX where he played classic rock with such

bands as Destiny, The Quick and Dr Y. With a deep love for soul and rhythm and blues he soon joined with Pearl Murray and the Jewels then joined The Houston Solution. He also played with bands such as The Night Shift Band and Horizon. Rollie loves to tickle the ivories no matter the genre of music, so make sure you put on your dancing shoes.

Vincent Garcia is a Saxophone player and backup vocalist who loves performing to fun loving crowds. He was born in Rosenberg Texas where he grew up in a talented musical family listening to his Dad play saxophone in a popular Czech Polka Band and his Mother play guitar and sing in church, both giving him a lifetime of musical influence. Being a Lamar High school All State musician Vincent has been performing with several local bands of many genres all while working in the oil patch. Now that he's retired he continues to do what he loves to do....make music

Thomas Williamson is the newest to the stage. He played trumpet for the UT Longhorn marching band and ensembles. He also performed at US Navy graduation ceremonies at Great Lakes and was a member of the UT Longhorn marching band and ensembles. Although Thomas has never shared the stage with any of the other members of the Original Remnants, you couldn't tell it by listening to him play... just watch those glasses when he hits those high notes!

Vicki Hafer is the newest member of the Original Remnants. She learned to play guitar when she was 15 then started playing and singing at various airbases around Myrtle Beach. She has sung on radio, with different praise teams, overseas in Romania. for multiple ministries and has even sang at weddings and many other events through out the years. After enjoying the gigs as a band wife her talent was finally found out and now you can catch her on stage several times through out the night either singing harmony, playing percussion, or both.