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Introduction & Welcome

BANDANA originated in Venice, Florida in October of 1990. Since that time, they have won the hearts and support of thousands of local fans, as well as tourists visiting Florida from all across the United States and around the world.

Appearing as a local band, people are astounded by the professionalism and charisma that pours from the stage as this group of highly talented musicians and vocalists perform. The music is tight and the presentation polished, making BANDANA a must-see act.

This package includes information on the following:

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When asked where the name BANDANA comes from, band founder and front man, Tony "Butch" Gerace always replies, "I got that name off the top of my head!" That should be your first clue that BANDANA is out to have some fun! Classic rock 'n' roll never sounded so good and audience members are always encouraged to "dance like nobody's watching." A good time will be had by all!

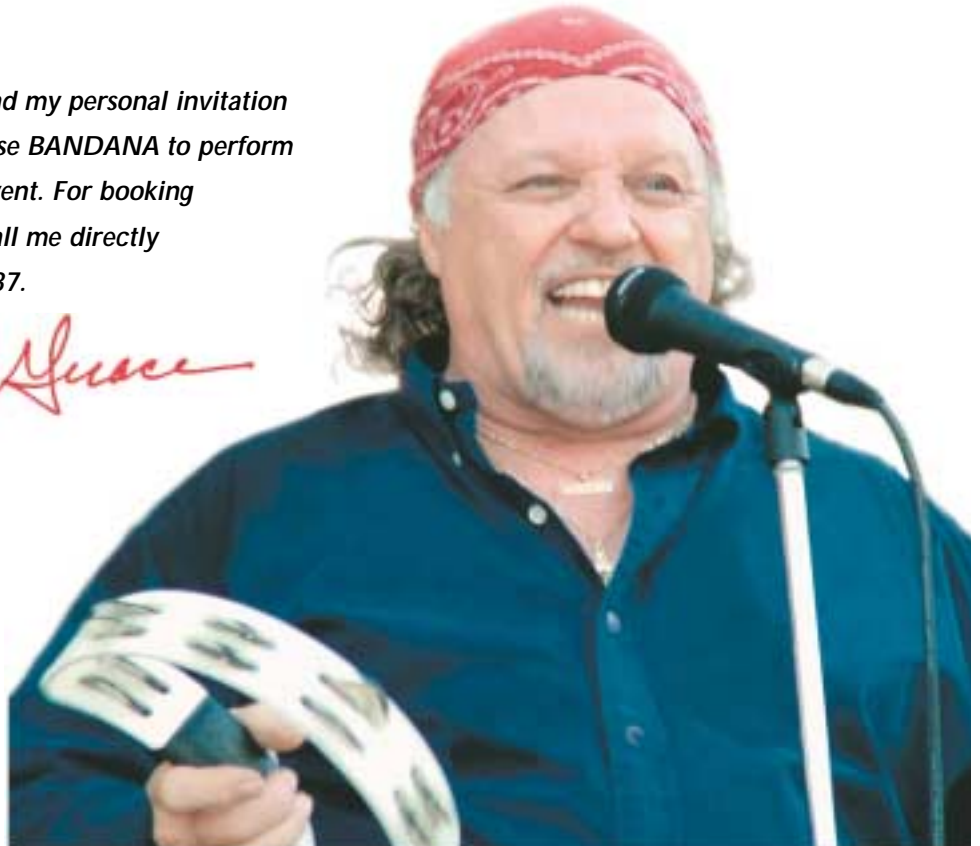
Also available by special request is a very special **BANDANA Promo CD** featuring a brand-new music video of one of the band's best-loved tunes along with a folder full of PR photos. See the Promotional Materials page for details.

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for regular updates to our
performance schedule
and much more!*

*I want to extend my personal invitation
to you to choose BANDANA to perform
at your next event. For booking
information, call me directly
at 941-497-4287.*

Butch Gerace

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Members of the Band

Tony "Butch" Gerace

Butch, the leader and founding member of BANDANA, started his career performing in front of live audiences at age 5 in his hometown of Haverstraw, New York. At 12 he was recording with Mitch Miller. In 1966, as a member of the world famous MGM recording group Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs, Butch enjoyed the success that comes with a # 1 record — Li'l Red Riding Hood. And of course, everyone knows Wooly Bully. In 1969 Butch formed a Las Vegas-type show band called Lemon Tree and played upscale show lounges in major cities all across the country. In 1977 this group was transformed into The Meco Cantina Band of Star Wars fame, sending Butch on his second world tour with the # 1 hit recording of the disco version of the Theme from Star Wars. After touring for 13 years, Butch settled in Venice, Florida in 1978, where met and married Shannon Davidson, his wife of 26 years. After their 4 children were raised, he was ready to return to music and decided to form BANDANA.

Check out the "...in the Beginning" page for more about Butch's early days.

Billy "Del-Ray" Smith

Del-Ray started playing music in Buffalo, New York, in 1962. His first gig was in a band called The Kahns. In 1967 he joined the U.S. Navy and, while in the service, continued to play music in many European countries including Greece, Spain, and Italy. Del confesses he did some moonlighting in bars around Charleston, South Carolina, in the early 70's, but wore a wig to disguise himself. In 1972, Del-Ray moved on to the L.A. scene playing in country rock bands. He had his eye on a band named Poco, but received a call from Buffalo, New York to play at the popular Lone Star Café, with Bo Didley. He also played with Tommy Walsh (America), Lawrence Taylor and Ritchie Havens of Woodstock fame. Growing tired of the local scene, he took a road gig with Bo Didley and traveled the United States and Canada for several years. In 1989 Del-Ray moved to Englewood, Florida, and became an original founding member of BANDANA.

Steven Shower

Born in Madison, Wisconsin on August 27, 1950, Steven started playing piano at age 6. He took classical piano lessons for 8 years, during which time he played trombone in his junior high and high school bands, gaining a wealth of musical knowledge which carries through to present day. Steven's keyboard technique is rare, ranging from beautiful classical melodies to raunchy honky tonk piano, demonstrating musical abilities that can only be acquired through years of playing. After earning a degree in the Arts at the University of Wisconsin, he spent almost 8 years on the road paying his dues, playing with a band called Stone Hinge. After moving to Venice, Florida in 1978, Steven joined BANDANA in 1992 and, since then has played hundreds of gigs all over the state — from Miami to Jacksonville and back again.

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Tony "Butch" Gerace
Lead Vocals/Front man



Billy "Del-Ray" Smith
Bass/Vocals



Steven Shower
Keyboard/Vocals

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Dave Murabito

As a young teenager growing up in Oswego, New York, David discovered a burning desire to learn to play music. His formal training began in percussion playing drums in his high school band. By the time he was 15 years old he was playing rock music in clubs and at parties as well as performing Big Band music with an area orchestra. He got his first taste of playing with real professionals when he was asked to perform as a back-up musician for The Ink Spots. In the mid-70's he toured the Northeast with a group called Brandywine, playing mostly dance clubs and ultimately opening for Gloria Gaynor. For 2 years he traveled with Trademark, a top show band, performing in some of the country's finest showrooms like The Detroit Plaza in Detroit, The Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta and The Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota playing everything from country to Broadway! Dave played in Montgomery, Alabama in a 20-piece band before a move to New Orleans in 2002, working in the blues and cajun clubs along Beale Street. After moving to Florida in 2004, Dave recently joined BANDANA as a full-time member.



Dave Murabito
Drums/Vocals

Todd Rogers

Born in Wisconsin, Todd Rogers moved to Venice in 1971. Inspired by Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Street Survivors" album, he started playing guitar in 1975. Mostly self taught using a turn-table and listening to albums by legendary bands featuring his favorite guitar players — Lynyrd Skynyrd, Santana, Led Zeppelin and Stevie Ray Vaughn, to name a few — helped Todd create a style that ranges from classic rock to blues to country. His first real band, 90 Proof, played all through high school and eventually started playing in bars, with The Englewood Bowl as their first gig. In the 80's he met Steve Shower and has had several band projects with him over the years, including a short stint with BANDANA in the early 90's. Todd married Laura in 1993 and they have two children, now 7 and 9. He has also played with a popular Port Charlotte country rock band, Boothill, opening for national acts at County Fairs and the Punta Gorda Block Parties. Now Todd has rejoined BANDANA, sharing the goal of bringing some new tunes — along with some original music — to their loyal fans.



Todd Rogers
Guitar/Vocals



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...in the Beginning

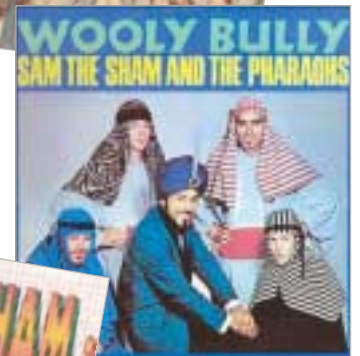
Butch Gerace started his career performing in front of live audiences at age 5 in his hometown of Haverstraw, New York, where he attended vocal training classes at Startime Studios while making weekly appearances on the Horn & Hardart's Children's Hour, a New York City television show. There he sang, danced and acted in skits with other young entertainers on live TV and doors started to open.

At age 12, Butch joined Mitch Miller's Sandpiper Boys chorus, which released Boy Scout recordings in the mid 1950's. In the early 60's, he recorded a single pop ballad for Fleetwood Records in New York, which received local airplay. During his latter teenage years, Butch formed a band called Tony Gee & the Gypsies. Performing at the world famous Metropole Café in Times Square, New York City for 18 months, along with other hot night spots like The Peppermint Lounge and Trudy Heller's in Greenwich Village, this band was discovered by Leonard Stogal & Associates, business manager of Sam the Sham, and was transformed into The Pharaohs. They went on to record "Li'l Red Riding Hood" for MGM records in 1966, a recording that soared to #1 in the world for most of the summer of 1966. Other hits included "Wooly Bully," "Red Hot," "Oh That's Good" and "How Do You Catch a Girl" — all from Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs.

In 1969, Sam the Sham and The Pharaohs broke up. After a few months at home, Butch formed a Las Vegas type show band called Lemon Tree. This band performed in upscale show lounges in major cities all across the country including Las Vegas, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans and others. In 1977, Lemon Tree was transformed into The Meco Cantina Band of *Star Wars* fame. Their #1 record, "Theme from Star Wars" disco version took Butch on his 2nd world tour with this giant hit playing Europe, Asia, South America and cities all over the United States and Canada.

Now Butch Gerace brings his incredible talent, all those years of experience and an amazing level of energy and vitality to every BANDANA performance. Don't miss your chance to see Butch and his talented band mates perform!

Give your audience the rare treat of reliving the early days of rock 'n' roll with a legendary icon — Tony "Butch" Gerace — formerly of the world famous MGM recording group Sam the Sham & the Pharaohs!



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Events & Appearances

Top o' the Mast • Ft. Myers Beach
City Limits Night Club • Port Charlotte
Ramada Inn • Sarasota
Ramada Inn • Port Charlotte
Buddy's Classic Car Show • Venice
Hot Tamales - Grand Opening • Venice
Italian American Feast
• 14 consecutive years • Venice
Junior's Lounge • Grove City
CW's Grand Opening • Englewood
Englewood Beach Club
• Grand Opening • Englewood
Paradise Alley • Siesta Key
Sarasota Kennel Club • Sarasota
Harley Owners Group Rossiter's Ranch
• Sarasota
Child's Wish Come True Benefit • Sarasota
Cars & Rods of Sarasota • Osprey
Feed the Hungry • Venice
Rossiter's Harley Davidson Dealership
• Sarasota
Snook Haven Retreat • Venice

Wooly Bully's • Sarasota
Catholic Youth Fair • Venice
Groove Fest • Tribute to Woodstock • Tampa
Concert with Gary Puckett & The Union Gap
• Roberts Arena • Sarasota
All Children's Hospital Benefit • St. Petersburg
Concert with Rare Earth • Punta Gorda
Venice Little Theatre Guild Oldies Concert
with Gary Lewis and the Play Boys • Venice
Catherine Harris • Political Fundraiser • Sarasota
Oldies 108 Forgotten Prom • 2nd & 3rd annual
Venice Sun Fiesta
• 12 CONSECUTIVE years!
Venice Sharks Tooth Festival • Venice
Civil Air Patrol • Tampa
Venice Jaycees Fireworks
Wal-Mart Super Center Grand Opening • Venice
Royal Seas Cruise Lines
Albertson's Super Market Car Show • Venice
Phil Phunn TV Show • Sarasota
PGT Employee Picnic • Sarasota
Calico Jack's - 12 years • Englewood Beach
Pioneer Days • Englewood
Disabled American Veterans Benefit • Nokomis
The Viet Nam Moving Wall • Venice
Safari Joe's Jungle Room • Bradenton
City of North Port Block Party • North Port
The Wharf • Venice
Sweet Water Lounge • Port Charlotte
International Beer Fest
• Ed Smith Stadium • Sarasota
The Great Florida Monster Music Jam • Sarasota
Van Wezel Performing Arts Center Concert
• Sarasota

LeBarge Tropical Cruises • Sarasota
South Beach Bar • Boca Grande
Earth Day Celebration
• Oscar Scheerer State Park • Osprey
Pelican Pointe Country Club • Venice
Furry Scurry
• Sun Coast Humane Society Benefit • Venice
St. Francis Animal Rescue Benefit • Venice
Hyatt Hotel • Sarasota
Venice High School All Class Reunion
Vegas in Venice Cruises
Yesterday's Lounge • Venice
Megan's Nightclub • Venice
Paolo's • Venice
The Big Easy • Venice
Venice Little Theatre Guild Oldies Concert
with Mark Lindsey of Paul Revere & the
Raiders • Venice
Venice Little Theatre Guild Oldies Concert
• Featured Performers • Venice
Concert with Marshall Tucker Band
• Charlotte County Fairgrounds
National Corvette Convention
• Downtown Disney • Orlando
Vern Buchanan • Political Fundraiser • Sarasota
Hurricane Andrew Relief Benefit • Homestead
Concert with Charlie Daniels' Band
• **Charlotte County Fairgrounds**



BANDANA

Awards & Accolades

*From 1996 through 2007
...11 consecutive awards for Best Local Band!*



After performing in Homestead, Florida at the Hurricane Andrew Relief Benefit in 1992, Butch received this special Thank You from organizer Louise Harrison, sister of former Beatle, George Harrison.

"BANDANA is the band to book when you want to kick your event up a notch or two! We appreciate their participation in the Backyard Bash benefit for the Sons of the American Legion, for the last five years in a row — selling out every time. They are real crowd pleasers and just good folks to deal with all around!"

— Billy Twardosky
Originator of the Backyard Bash

"It has been a pleasure to work with Butch Gerace and the other members of BANDANA over the last few years as featured performers at Venice Little Theatre's Oldies Concert. Their popularity in our local area makes them the perfect draw for our annual Theatre Guild fund raiser. We look forward to BANDANA's return each year!"

— Earl Baumruck
Member of the Board of Directors,
Venice Little Theatre

"BANDANA plays at our venue on a regular basis. Butch and the band have a great following and always bring large crowds. Our customers look forward to having BANDANA play here and the band puts on most entertaining performances. We highly recommend the band."

— Ken Hansen,
Manager of Snook Haven Retreat,
a Sarasota County (FL) Park

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Song List

Old Judge Jones
The Wanderer
Since I Fell for You
Runaway
Leave Your Hat On
Mustang Sally
Li'l Red Riding Hood
Wooly Bully
Red Hot
You Are So Beautiful
We Gotta Get Out of This Place
Hang on Sloopy
Momma Don't Dance
When a Man Loves a Woman
House of the Rising Sun
Old Man Down the Road
Turn the Page
Old Time Rock 'n' Roll
Knock on Wood
Moon Dance
Brother, Brother
Rock Me Baby
Slow Blues
Hurt So Good
Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone
Pride and Joy
Free Fallin'
Feelin' Alright
Sun Spot Baby
Sweet Home Alabama
Oldies But Goodies Medley
Creedence Clearwater Medley
Bob Seegar Medley
God Bless America
Suzy Q
Bad Leroy Brown
Spooky
Talk to Your Daughter
Slow Down
Somebody's Baby
Satisfaction
All Over Now
Evil Ways
Peaceful Easy Feeling
Walkin' the Dog
Hey Good Lookin'
Bring It on Home to Me
Boney Maroni
One After 909
Down on the Corner

Lodi
Some Kinda Wonderful
Wipe Out
Road House Blues
Pink Cadillac
Bang the Gong
Bad is Bad
I Saw Her Standing There
Young Blood
The Letter
For What It's Worth
Midnight Hour
Ohio
Whiskey Ain't Workin'
I Feel Good
Europa
Ole 55
Black Magic Woman
Dixie Chicken
Dark Eyed Cajun Woman
Imagine
Pirates Over 40
Brown Eyed Girl
Breakdown
Locomotive Breath
Losing My Religion
Bathroom Window
Sensitive Man
Layla
I Know a Little
Mony Mony
All Along the Watchtower
Heard it Through the Grapevine
Hearts on Fire
Oldies Rock 'n' Roll Station



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Promotional Materials

BANDANA Promotional CD

Available by special request, this special CD features BANDANA in their newest music video, provided for you in 2 popular video formats for your viewing pleasure. Filmed at several recent gigs in Florida, this video will give you an idea of the crowd-pleasing energy BANDANA brings to every one of their shows!

Also included on the CD is a PR Photo folder containing ten 8x10 photos in JPEG format. You can easily view these images using any application that supports jpeg format, like your favorite digital camera software. Each image includes the BANDANA logo or name already embedded, eliminating the need for the logo as a stand-alone graphic.

To request a CD, call Butch Gerace directly at 941-497-4287.

Publishing Permission

Once a performance contract has been signed, you will be granted publishing permission so you can use the materials provided on the CD as part of your BANDANA publicity campaign.



Don't forget — you can always visit www.bandanaband.com and hear audio tracks of these songs:

Red Hot

Somebody's Baby

Heard it Through the Grapevine

Li'l Red Riding Hood

Knock on Wood

Brown Eyed Girl

Hearts on Fire

Turn the Page

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