Loren Berry - Drums

Loren is the founder and leader of The Crashers. He grew up in the St. Louis Mo. Area. The traditional blues and jazz sounds, known in the area, had a huge influence on him as well as the British invasion and other styles. At 15, Loren played his first paid gig with a local country group. His ability to adapt to various genres soon earned him many calls from a variety of groups when they needed a drummer at the last minute. Before he graduated High School Loren had worked with some of the St. Louis area heavy hitters. After two years in music school he hit the road to Denver Co. seeking a career in music. Within a few months Loren was touring the North West with groups such as The Pat Hand Band and Marc Berlin. On May 18th, 1980 Loren got up close and personal with Mt. St. Helens as it erupted while doing a show with Asleep At The Wheel. This event sent him back to Denver and soon back to St. Louis. Over the next ten years he worked the area with a few groups who are house hold names in the region. Chill Factor and The Amazon River Boys to name a few. In the early 90s Loren moved to Sarasota, FL. After a brief hiatus he formed a song writing project with Capitol Recording artist Jeff Adams. Loren's co efforts can be heard on several CDs available on the internet. In the late 90s he was recruited to be the drummer for a well known group in Punta Gorda, FL. called BNX or Buck Naked and The Exhibitionists. The group disbanded in 2003 and in 2004 Loren hand picked The Crashers. A few members have been replaced since then but the core rhythm section remains. Loren plays hand made Eames Drum Shells exclusively. (Thanks Joe Mac) His solid grooves, driving rhythms and jazz flavors are the very foundation of the band.