



LOREN BERRY - Drums

The heartbeat of The Hitsville Live Band, drummer Loren Berry is a native of the St. Louis, Missouri metroplex. The traditional blues and jazz sounds, well-known in the St. Louis area, as well as the Motown Sound, had a huge musical influence on him.

At age 15, Loren played his first professional gig with a local country group. He enjoyed playing the different genres of music in the area and his ability to adapt to the various genres soon earned him many calls from a variety of groups when they needed a drummer on short notice. At 22 Loren hit the road to Denver, Colorado seeking a career in music. Within just a few months, he was touring the Northwest United States with a regional act. On May 18th, 1980 Loren got up close and personal with Mt. St. Helens as it erupted while doing a show in the state of Washington with a touring national act. This event sent him back to Denver and ultimately back to St. Louis.

Over the next ten years he worked the area with a few local groups who were house-hold names in the region. 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. The group disbanded in 2003, and in 2004 Loren founded and hand picked the lineup for one of SW Florida's most popular show & dance bands, The Crashers. Loren will be the first to tell you that The Hitsville Live Band contains the best line up of musicians he has ever worked with and he is very proud to be a part of it.