

# MAGNOLIA DRIVE

MAGNOLIA DRIVE, a Mountain Fever Records recording artist, is a group of tenured and seasoned bluegrass musicians from the state of Mississippi who have worked together for over ten years. The band has performed live shows extensively throughout the Southeast and Midwest, at festivals, concerts and various other venues. Shortly after forming, they released their first recording project, primarily as a promotional EP

to help display their music for an introduction to event promoters and other marketing opportunities. The recording was well received and has gained significant airplay throughout the years. A new Mountain Fever Records recording has been completed with the first single being released to terrestrial radio, Sirius XM Satellite and commercial streaming platforms everywhere.



MAGNOLIA DRIVE delivers a hard-driving, contemporary and traditional sound with tasteful instrumentals, smooth blending vocals, and just good, fun, down-home entertainment for the entire family. These guys possess the desire and ability necessary to perform and record high-quality music. Combine the years of individual experience with their tenured performance skills and the result is a professional working band that is making their mark in the bluegrass world! As a proud member of the Mountain Fever Records family, they are looking forward to creating more new music and expanding their audience. Like many others, they are equally excited to return to the stage where they can enjoy the personal interaction, once again, with fans, friends, and fellow artists they have greatly missed during the entertainment shutdown.

Visit the MAGNOLIA DRIVE website, Facebook, Instagram or YouTube to keep up with the band or see the videos from their 2020 IBMA Showcase performance.

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Steve "Speed" Nowell  
Upright Bass/Vocals

Steve started out around 8 years old learning to play upright bass while standing in a chair at home and quickly turned that into band contest entries and performing with the local family band The Bluegrass Partners of Starkville, MS. Then while still in high school, jointly formed the very popular Perfect Tyming, a bluegrass group which traveled extensively throughout the United States in the 1980's and 90's.

Steve has also appeared and performed with other bluegrass greats including Mr. Bill Monroe, Larry Sparks, John Hartford, Chubby Wise, Mac Wiseman, Carl Jackson, and other fine artists. While co-managing the band, bus, and busy tour schedule, his musical talents were sought after by some very popular artists; with inquiries from The Trio, Emmylou Harris & Nash Ramblers, The McCarters, The O'Kanes, and others.

With his solid and tasteful bass lines and strong vocals, Steve's four decades of experience provides defining elements which help create a distinctive sound for Magnolia Drive. Steve also writes and publishes many of the songs the band performs and has recorded today. Combining his knowledge in technology and music experience, he brings unique skills to the band's recordings, promotions and management.

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Don Robinson  
Banjo/Vocals

Don lives near Hattiesburg, MS. with his wife Karen. They have two grown kids and two grandchildren. He plays banjo, finger-pick style guitar, and sings both lead and harmony vocals. While on stage, Don's natural down-home personality and humor quickly puts the audience at ease. His musical roots are quite varied and run deep. He's played piano and sang with gospel quartets, performed with country bands, and continues to lead church music functions. He's also been a member of such groups as Sweet Dixie, The Crain Brothers, Harold and Ovaline & Up the Creek, Lickety Split, Common Ground, and The Jason Boone Band. Don has also published and recorded many of his own songs and his songs have been recorded by other artists as well.

Most recently, Don's "Sunday Morning Without You" was included on Special Consensus' Grammy-nominated project "Scratch Gravel Road" which was nominated as "Recorded Event of the Year" by the IBMA and enjoyed chart success on Bluegrass Unlimited's charts as well as the charts on Bluegrasstoday.com. His clean and tasteful banjo work is a driving force for Magnolia Drive's traditional bluegrass sound.





Mike Nowell  
Guitar/Vocals

Mike makes his home near Starkville, MS. with his wife, Julia. He has been involved with bluegrass music for over 40 years. Over the years, he has shared the stage with iconic musicians such as: Chubby Wise, Mac Wiseman, John Hartford, Carl Jackson, and other wonderful bluegrass musicians. He has been a member of several different regional bands, more notably, the very popular band, Perfect Tyming, where he was one of the original founding members. Now, as a member of Magnolia Drive, he's reunited with his younger brother Steve, who was also a mainstay member of, Perfect Tyming.

Mike really takes pride in his guitar work, especially focusing on the solid rhythm and timing to help create the quality foundation for a distinctive bluegrass band sound. He appreciates the importance of and really enjoys the creativity aspect of helping develop the band's numerous original song arrangements, both musically and vocally. Mike has always enjoyed songwriting throughout the years and has recorded some of his works. Look for some of his originals to be included on the upcoming Magnolia Drive recording projects.

Also, way back when, Mike played banjo with several bluegrass groups and still occasionally picks up the 5-string either to help arrange a new song or simply for the enjoyment. He is truly grateful and excited to be included in such a talented and great group of guys that is...Magnolia Drive.

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Cory Burton  
Mandolin/Vocals

Cory makes his home in the beautiful countryside of Choctaw County, MS with his wife Leslie and their daughter, Miranda. He is a typical country boy who loves the outdoors. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and riding ATV's down the old logging roads. Cory's other passion, obviously, is the mandolin and bluegrass. He began his musical curiosity at age 5 when he was handed a mandolin for the very first time. By the age of ten, Cory was already performing with his father and older brother, both huge influences on his music. Their family band, known as The Burton Bluegrass Band, played shows and festivals locally around the state. Cory also learned to play guitar, banjo, fiddle, and bass. He was so driven to become a better bluegrass musician that he carried his musical hunger with him to college, where he majored in music.

Throughout his career, Cory has been fortunate to perform with several other fine groups such as Campus Country, Perfect Tyming and Retrospect. Cory's mandolin style is a direct result of a lifetime of learning and experiencing bluegrass music. From the jam sessions, festivals, and stage performances, Cory has developed his own mandolin sound. He anxiously looks forward to meeting all the great bluegrass fans and musicians; and making lots of new friends as part of Magnolia Drive.



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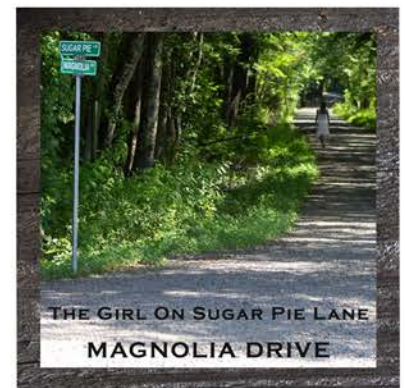
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- Carl Jackson, Grammy Award Winning Artist, Songwriter & Producer



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- Mark Hodges,  
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