



# MAIDEN CANE

***SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S FAVORITE ARENA ROCK BAND***

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## BIO

Maiden Cane were a little surprised when the video for their first original song received nearly 1000 YouTube views in under 24 hours; but this powerhouse group of veteran rockers have been creating a huge buzz in the Southwest Florida music scene since they first took the stage opening for Warrant in August of 2014.

Maiden Cane was formed in 2013 as a fusion of two of Southwest Florida's most prestigious bands. Bass player Jim Kiefer and drummer John Stickelmaier were joined by Shoe-string Rocket guitarist Joey Gilbert. Keyboardist Billy Day was quickly added to increase the band's versatility and vocalist Cliff Randi was locked in mid 2014. Most recently, local rock hero guitarist Pete Siracuse was added to complete the lineup. Fueled by an interest in high energy, arena rock like Boston, Journey, Styx and Bon Jovi, they set out to cover the big monster rock hits. "Here we had the talent and range to cover some of rock's greatest music with great accuracy," says Randi, "and a give a performance reminiscent

of the original band in its heyday." The past experiences of these 6 powerhouse musicians includes playing alongside some of rock's greatest heroes (REO Speedwagon, Eddie Money, Molly Hatchet, Joan Jett, Dream Theater, etc.) "While there are many cover bands out there paying tribute, the guys in Maiden Cane have lived it!" says Entertainment Coordinator and Agent Loren Berry. "They went forth on that principle, accepting only larger festival and event gigs with bigger audiences, where the setting is right for their high energy performance."

Excited as the band was with their success playing covers, the creative urges soon kicked in and Maiden Cane began crafting original music. They recorded their first 2 original songs in mid-2015, expanding them into the realm of original artists. With a sound reminiscent of 80's hair metal, distribution websites and local radio stations quickly took notice and put both songs in regular rotation locally and internationally over internet radio. Both songs have

spent several weeks as the number 1 requested indie rock song on several internet radio charts. "I can't get over these guys! Their original music takes me back to the music I love while putting a creative, new spin on it. They have made me a huge fan and I can't wait to hear what they come up with next," said concert promoter Jay Goldberg of Jay Goldberg Events and Entertainment.

"What it comes down to for us is that we are a band of brothers," says Kiefer. "We love going out there in front of the big crowds and rocking out, and now we've seen that we can put together some amazing original music as well. We are excited to keep writing and go wherever that takes us!" With spots booked through 2016 opening for major acts, Maiden Cane is primed and ready to light up the stage with a decade's tribute to arena style rock with some awesome originals peppered in. "Playing the classics is awesome," says Gilbert, "But there is no better feeling than seeing a crowd rocking out to your own song."



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**CLIFF RANDI/Vocals** • Hails from Bethel, CT • Started his music career at age 14 • Shared the stage with Dream Theater, Richie Scarlet, Rat Race Choir, Kiss Army, Ed Burns (of Dennis Dunaway Project) and many others • Front man for Sykosis, Double Crossed, Aftershock and The Mix to name a few • Founded Christian rock band Chenaniah and released a CD nationally • Joined Maiden Cane one week before opening for Warrant

**JOEY GILBERT/Guitar** • Born in Erie, PA • Started his music career in 1985 as a bass player in his high school jazz band • Played all over Florida with Wicked Gypsy, Azrael and Shoestring Rocket • Toured with the Sam Andrew Band (formerly of Big Brother and the Holding Company) • Voted Monsters of Rock Guitar God Champion by guitar legends Vinnie Moore and Jeff Labar in 2012



**PETE SIRACUSE/Guitar** • From Bufalo, NY • Started his music career at age 12 • Has played guitar, bass and drums professionally for over 35 years • Played all over the US, Canada and Malaysia with Christian rock band King's Ransom • Opened for many major artists over the years and played alongside Dickey Betts for several shows • Played all over FL with the Gypsy King Band, the Derek Allen Band, Winter Steal and most notably Kim Betts (daughter of Dickey Betts) and the Gamble Creek Band

**JIM KIEFER/Bass** • From Peoria, IL • Started his music career at age 8 on the guitar and switched to bass at 16 • Toured the US throughout the 80's and 90's with the Eddie Booe Band and formed Illinois super group Exit • Opened for and played alongside many big name acts including REO Speedwagon, Eddie Money, .38 Special, Kansas, Joan Jett, Bad Company and Foghat • Worked with Gary Richrath of REO Speedwagon on his solo project in the 90's • Relocated to Florida in 2008



**BILLY DAY/Keys** • From Valparaiso, IN • Started his music career at age 14 playing piano in his parent's established wedding band • Graduated from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago • Has played all styles of music including jazz, classical and rock in many bands over the years, most notably Indiana monster band Digital Hair • Opened for Joan Jett, Foghat, Molly Hatchet and many others

**JOHN "STIX" STICKELMAIER/Drums** • Hails from Peoria, IL • Started playing drums at 16 • Played in hugely popular Illinois rock group, The Jim Davis Band for 17 years • Played regularly all over the state with many great bands • Opened for many big name acts when they made tour stops in Illinois • Was close friends with Jim Kiefer and a huge fan of Exit • Relocated to Florida shortly after Kiefer



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## LINKS

When viewed with an active internet connection, clicking on the links below will open your browser.



[www.maidencane.com](http://www.maidencane.com)

Maiden Cane's website is the main stop for band info, show dates, merchandise, music downloads, and band videos.

[Maiden Cane's Promo Video](#)

See the band in action!



[Maiden Cane's Original Video](#)

Dead Man's Shoes



Maiden Cane has a rapidly growing number of followers on Facebook. The band regularly communicates with fans and posts tons of pics and video clips from shows. New shows and band news are announced here immediately.



Maiden Cane is a member of ReverbNation and are consistently ranked among the top 3 bands in the area. Through ReverbNation, Maiden Cane has full distribution of their original music to all the major music download sites.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- May 2014 – Maiden Cane officially launches with a debut performance in Englewood, FL opening for Highway to Hell. Following the show they are asked to return in August to open for national touring band Head East.
- September 2014 – Maiden Cane welcomes new lead singer Cliff Randi and hits the stage running one week later, opening for Warrant. Warrant backs out of the date a few days before but hundreds still show up to see Maiden Cane.
- October 2014 – Maiden Cane opens for Molly Hatchet and Swamp Da Wamp in Fort Myers at the Hallowheels event.
- February 2015 – Maiden Cane headlines a biker appreciation concert in Englewood. The house is packed, beginning a long standing relationship with the biker community. Several additional shows are booked on the spot.
- February 2015 – Maiden Cane headlines the legendary Cape Coral Bike Night taking the main stage in front of 2500+ people.
- September 2015 – The band records two original songs: “White Lies” and “Dead Man’s Shoes”. After completion, they become available on music download sites. A steady flow of sales begin and the songs begin rotation on several internet and local radio stations.
- September 2015 – Maiden Cane teams up with local Country music hero Jack Michael for a Country Meets Rock concert event. The concept is extremely well received and several additional shows are booked.
- October 2015 – Maiden Cane opens for Pat Travers and Blackfoot at the huge Sunsplash event.
- October 2015 – Maiden Cane opens for Molly Hatchet. The audience cheers so much that the guys from Molly Hatchet come out to watch. A long-standing relationship is begun with Molly Hatchet and their booking agency.
- November 2015 – Maiden Cane headlines the Englewood Beach Waterfest. 800+ people stay to the very end and the band does 3 encores.
- December 2015 – Maiden Cane takes a film crew to the backwoods of North Port to film a video for “Dead Man’s Shoes”. The video premieres on New Year’s Day with over 800 views in under 24 hours.
- January 2016 – Reverbnation selects “Dead Man’s Shoes” for promotion. It is submitted to radio stations all over the world and Maiden Cane becomes a featured artist.
- February 2016 – A radio promoter hears “Dead Man’s Shoes” and offers to distribute it to 1000 radio stations across the globe. Dead Man’s Shoes continues to be played all over the world.
- February 2016 – Maiden Cane returns to the main stage at Cape Coral Bike Night. Due to some city politics, two of the local bars in the area book major acts to compete with the main stage. Stephen Percy of Ratt and Soul Asylum both play simultaneously a few blocks away. Maiden Cane manages to attract an audience of over 2000 people and keep them rocking till the end of the show.
- March 2016 – Maiden Cane opens for Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad at the Immokalee Casino Auditorium. The band charts a bus so local fans can get to the show.
- April 2016 – “Dead Man’s Shoes” spends 11 straight weeks at number one on the Indie Rock Charts. The band receives messages from several DJs all over the world praising the song and asking for interviews. The popular YouTube show Dread Metal features the song on an episode.
- May 2016 – Maiden Cane parts ways with guitarist Rich Schoepfer and welcomes local rock hero Pete Siracuse to the band. His abilities and charisma give the band an even greater stage presence and make the show even better.
- June 2016 – Maiden Cane headlines the Sizzlin’ Summer Music Fest in Punta Gorda. Over 1000 people attend. The host venue is only expecting a few hundred so they ran out of all concessions 40 minutes into the show.
- August 2016 – Maiden Cane opens for the legendary Eddie Money in Englewood, FL. Eddie Money and his family greet the band backstage to compliment the show.

...And the list continues to grow!