## True Willie: America's Best Willie Nelson Tribute Band!

Roger Hegyi as "True Willie" pays tribute to the life and music of Willie Nelson, one of the world's most recognizable and distinctive musicians. Not just a Willie Nelson "impersonator," Roger has found a way to reach into the musical soul of Willie Nelson and share it with audiences wherever he performs.

## "Watching and listening to Roger performing the music of Willie Nelson will give you chills!"



**Roger Hegyi** began singing in his church at ten years old before being recognized as "one voice in a million" by professionals in the music industry. Roger has since amassed over 40 years of experience as a singer and guitarist, including several engagements in Southern California at the Anaheim Angels Stadium and the San Diego Padres Stadium, in theater groups and through thousands of performances in small clubs. The True Willie Tribute Band represents Roger's lifelong dream is to honor the music of Willie Nelson and the influence Willie has had not only on Country and Western music, but also on American music history.



**Bob Gothar** – Lead Guitar – A professional guitarist and bassist since the age of 17, Bob Gothar has been a fixture of the Southern California country and roots music scene for over 30 years. He's played with dozens of acts locally and around the world, and has accompanied the likes of J.D. Souther, Rosanne Cash, Rascal Flatts' Joe Don Rooney, John Oates, The Cowsills, Peter Tork, Don Felder and Roger McGuinn of Byrds fame. He's toured the USA, playing hundreds of events, with surf band Papa Doo Run Run for the last 16 years. When he's not busy playing live, he does session work and appeared on "King for a Day," Micky Dolenz's tribute album to Carole King.



**Larry Gadler** – Bass Guitar – Larry began playing professionally at age 15 playing folk music in a Traveling Hootenanny, and after taking part in the Seattle rock and roll scene thru the 60 $\square$ s and 70 $\square$ s, moved to Nashville in the fall of 1979. Among the artists Larry has worked with: Johnny Rodriguez, Lynn Anderson, Jeanne Pruett (on the Grand Ol' Opry), Johnny Russell, the Flying Burrito Brothers, Guy Clark, Becky Hobbs, Curtis Wright, Joe Sunn, and the Turner Nichols Band. Larry has also played with Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson on their album, "Songwriter," and has appeared in over ten music videos. Winner of the CCMA Bass Guitarist of the Year.



**Johnny Higgins** – Keyboards – Johnny was a childhood prodigy on the piano, beginning his music career at age five. Mastering the keyboard and accordion early, he has played with a long list of artists and performers including such country and western music greats as Roy Clark, Jerry Reed and Ray Price. With deep rooted influences of jazz, roc, blues and country, Johnny's interests have spanned the musical spectrum. He has traveled far and wide in his career, having previously played in wide variety of venues and locations, most recently in Las Vegas, Southern California's Knotts Berry Farm and the Sacramento State Fair.



**Larry Mitchell** – Drums – Larry was born and raised in the 70<sup>-</sup>s and has played drums professionally since he was 16. He has played in both the Los Angeles and Nashville roots music scenes for over 20 years and toured the globe, performing with many critically acclaimed artists such as Jann Browne, Heather Myles, Wylie & the Wild West, Rosie Flores, Jay Dee Maness, Kal David, Eden Brent and Janiva Magness among several others. His heart is in playing music that celebrates the humble roots of our great country and he looks forward to recharging his soul holding down the drum chair at Centerpoint Church each Sunday.