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Media Kit

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Track List

1. Unchain My Heart
2. At Last
3. Trouble Blues
4. Soulshine
5. Trouble in My Way
6. You Have Loved Me Through It All
7. Oh Holy Night
8. Stand Tall America

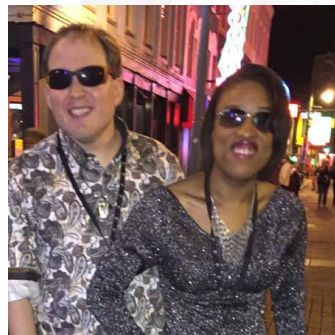
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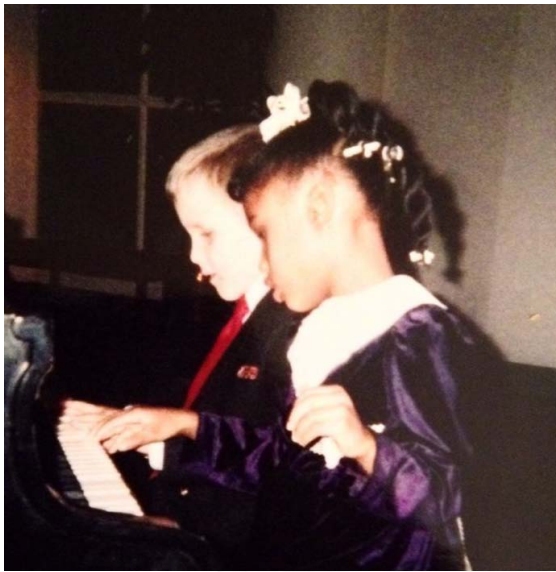
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- 2016 International Blues Challenge Solo/Duo Runners-Up (Memphis)
- 2016 International Blues Challenge Lee Oskar Best Harmonica Winner (Memphis)
- 2015 Debut CD "InnerVision" (Nashville)
- 2015 Columbus Blues Challenge Solo/Duo Winner
- 2015 Worthington's Got Talent Winner



Biography



InnerVision is the duo of life-long friends Genene Blackwell (keyboards and vocals) and Sam Shepherd (vocals, harmonica, trombone, guitar). Since 2009 this internationally award-winning band and Nashville recording artists have brought joy and inspiration through music to thousands with both live performances as well as through their self-titled debut CD, which is currently available on iTunes, CD Baby, and Amazon Music.

They both have perfect pitch. . . They both have astounding memories. . . And they both are blind. . .

Genene and Sam were born, exactly one month apart, as “micro-preemies” and lost their vision at birth due to their prematurity and alarmingly low birth weights. Before they were born, neither of their families knew each other even though they all lived in the same Ohio town. Genene and Sam even spent the first weeks of their lives together in the same NICU unit of the same hospital in Columbus! God truly knit these two families together in the most unlikely and wonderful way!

Life in Westerville reunited the two in preschool and they went to school together until they graduated from The Ohio State School for the Blind, riding on the same bus all those years. Making music was always an important part of their childhood friendship, whether they were imitating their favorite singers on the bus or marching together in the world’s only blind marching band, The Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Panthers. While still in high school, Genene and Sam decided that they wanted to make their livings by making music. So InnerVision was born in 2009! At first, they played primarily for nursing homes, retirement centers, and Alzheimer facilities. But every time InnerVision played, more and more people started hearing about them and the phone started ringing!

Genene and Sam are always stretching and challenging themselves in music. They both take lessons on a continuing basis and meet with the most amazing music mentors every chance they get. Genene currently studies classical and jazz/blues piano and takes voice lessons. Sam also takes voice lessons as well and is a multi-instrumentalist: trombone, harmonica, acoustic guitar, and, most recently, electric guitar. This past year they have also ventured into song-writing, recording their first original “Hound Dog” which will be released soon. Always looking for a new challenge, InnerVision started entering and then winning music competitions. Most recently InnerVision won first-place in Worthington’s Got Talent, first-place in The Columbus Blues Challenge (solo/duo category), and then won second-place solo/duo award, among hundreds of other entrants from around the world, in the 2016 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee. Sam also won The Lee Oskar Best Harmonica Award at this competition.



Since forming in high school, InnerVision has been entertaining audiences of all sizes and ages all over Ohio and beyond with quite possibly the most diverse song lists of any professional musicians in central Ohio. They can be found playing one of their over 100 performances each year at outdoor festivals, formal weddings, school assemblies, worship services, retirement centers, corporate banquets, fundraisers, restaurants, class reunions, birthday parties, and holiday get-togethers, just to name a few! Genene and Sam play over 150 songs (both covers and originals) that span many decades and many genres. What’s your favorite music? Oldies, blues, contemporary Christian, radio favorites, classics, gospel, hymns, inspirational, patriotic, standards, or Christmas sing-alongs?



Chances are good – very, very good – that InnerVision can customize a set list that will be perfect for the listeners at your event.

InnerVision can perform as a quiet, sophisticated jazz-influenced duet, appropriate for dinner music or entertainment during cocktail hour. Or they can bring in additional musicians (drums, bass, and electric guitar) and get everybody up and dancing to blues or oldies. Their performance styles include background music, feature special songs, fun and inspirational concerts, or casual sing-alongs. Their favorite musical events, though, are when they lead worship with different congregations. Church services and events give InnerVision a special opportunity to encourage other Christians and witness to the Lord's goodness. Genene and Sam are comfortable plugging in to your PA or bringing an entire, professional sound with them. Flexibility. Reliability. Professionalism. Excellence. Dedication. Those are InnerVision's promise to you!





