

# Iron Butterfly



The Los Angeles music scene of the late sixties and seventies was characterized by the heavy sounds and sentiments that reflected the revolutionary attitudes of the generation. Bursting onto that scene was Iron Butterfly, whose sound not only epitomized the hard attitudes of the youth with its heavy

drumming and bass lines, but also embraced more delicate aspirations through its intricate guitar and keyboard overlays. Iron Butterfly was signed to ATCO Records (division of Atlantic Records) and released their first album, aptly titled "Heavy". While the band was on the road with the likes of: the Doors, Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead, Traffic, the Who, and Cream, their impressive debut stayed on Billboard's album charts for a year.

They followed up with the monumental LP, "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida", featuring the 17:05 minute side-long track that shook the entire music industry with its phenomenal reception. "Vida" Out-Sold every record in the history of recorded music within the first year of its release, and therefore outgrew and outsold the standard of the music industry's "Gold Album Award".

For this achievement, Iron Butterfly was subsequently awarded the Industry's Very First "Platinum Album". "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" stayed on the charts for 140 weeks, with 81 weeks in the Top Ten. To date the album has sold in excess of 30+ million copies and remains an undisputed classic in the Archives Of Rock with DJ's and audiophiles worldwide.

Within a year of releasing "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida", Iron Butterfly had charted a third album, "Ball", which surpassed "Vida" (still in Billboard's Top 10) turning "Gold", and climbed to Number One. "Ball" remained on the charts for 44 weeks, followed by two more album releases, "Live" and "Metamorphosis", each charting respectably in the Top 20.

## ► IRON BUTTERFLY AWARDS

- Silver Album Award
- Two Gold Album Awards
- Two Platinum Album Awards
- 4x Multi-Platinum Album Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

\* After breaking all sales records, Iron Butterfly was awarded the Music Industry's First Platinum Award.

## ► IRON BUTTERFLY | FEATURED IN MOVIES & TV SHOWS

- American Horror Story (2013)
- Hell Ride (2008)
- Resident Evil: Extinction (2007)
- House M.D. (2007)
- Salvador (2006)
- Criminal Minds (2006)
- Supernatural (2005)
- The Simpsons (2005 & 1994)
- Tag World Grand Prix (2005)
- Playboy: 50 Years of Playmates (2004)
- Mission Hill (1999)
- Pirates of Silicon Valley (1999)
- The Sonny & Cher Story (1999)
- Seinfeld (1997)

- Baseball (1994)
- Fatal Instinct (1993)
- Home Improvement (1991)
- Freddy's Dead The Final Nightmare (1991)
- The Wonder Years (1990 & 1989)
- Manhunter (1986)
- The A-Team (1986)
- Pleasure Island (1975)
- The Psychiatrist (1971)
- Freeform (1970)
- In For Life (1970)
- Red Man Cometh (1970)

## ► NOW TOURING WORLDWIDE | SET LIST

- In-A-Gadda-Da'-Vida
- Iron Butterfly Theme
- Soul Experience
- Easy Rider
- Butterfly Bleu
- Stone Believer
- Real Fright
- In The Time Of Our Lives
- Unconscious Power
- Filled With Fear
- Flowers And Beads
- Are You Happy

## ► THE IRON BUTTERFLY



**ERIC BARNETT** • Lead Guitar / Vocals.  
Eric is a veteran of Iron Butterfly and has traveled the world with the original band beginning in 1995. Eric has performed with many other well-known artists and is known as a world-class guitarist and vocalist. Eric began playing piano at age five and performed his first recital at age seven. He began playing the flute at age eight and won the first chair flute and stayed in the school orchestra until he was fifteen.



**JAWN STAR** • Keyboards / Vocals. Jawn began his music career in 1970. Jawn ultimately became the keyboardist/vocalist for the band Player of “Baby Come Back” fame. Jawn performed for audiences worldwide including the President & Vice President of the United States. Jawn Star’s seemingly effortless mastery of the piano is the perfect complement to keep the legacy of Iron Butterfly alive. Jawn’s vocals are unique, yet come as close as anyone could ever imagine in capturing the classic sounds and performances of the original Iron Butterfly.



**DAVE WHISTON** • Bass Guitar / Vocals. Dave lays down the Iron Butterfly bottom end with his bass guitar producing the heavy bass lines the Butterfly is famous for. Dave is also known for his years of touring with The Rick Springfield Band, Billy Idol, Kelly Christian, Shannon Beaty, Paul Shortino, Krunk, Kottrak, RadioRage, Jaime Segal and not to mention the Dave Whiston Band. Dave is a seasoned professional musician with years of touring-road experience.





**B**ERNIE PERSHEY • Drums / Vocals. Hailing from Joliet, Illinois, Bernie began playing drums at the age of eight and never stopped. Bernie's track record includes years of work with Eric Burdon and the Animals, Edgar Winter, Beth Hart, Walter Trout, Olivia Newton-John, Dwight Twilley, Greg Kihn, and Chuck Berry and many more. Bernie's drumming is featured on the Edgar Winter classic hit "Frankenstein", as well as in the Tina Turner movie 'Whats Love Got To Do With It'. When it comes to Drums, Bernie Pershey re-produces the iconic Drum Solo of In "A-Gadda'-Da-Vida" and adds his own twist to captivate Iron Butterfly fans. [Bernie's Discography](#)



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