

Meet 'The Beatles'

George Harrison's sister, Beatle band headed here

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Beatles tribute acts are amongst the most common on the cover band circuit, but there are very few that can pull it off properly and boast a direct connection with the original group. Not only do the Liverpool Legends look and sound pretty darn close to the legendary Fab Four, but George Harrison's own sister Louise Harrison manages the band.

Plus, the Illinois act has already performed at Liverpool's "International Beatles Week," at The Cavern Club and London's Abbey Road Studios. The chaps make their way to Bradley this weekend to not only sing, but to lend support at Provena Heritage Village's 35th Anniversary Gala.

In separate conversations, Harrison and band member Marty Scott (who plays her late brother) chatted with The Daily Journal about how their worlds collided, a mutual admiration for one another and insight into the band they both love.

FABULOUS FORMATION: I met the "George" in our group when he was with another band (American English) a few weeks after my brother died. It was one of those things where I almost felt like my brother found him for me, and he has the same kindness in heart and sense of fun. In fact, I took to him so immediately that tears started streaming down my face! Both (the) George and (the) John had left that other band and said they wanted to begin again, so they asked if I would help. So we started searching for the others and were so fortunate to find a Paul that is so much better than just about every other Paul, plus a Ringo who is so funny and sweet.

- Harrison

LOOKING LIKE THE ORIGINALS: We've all been impersonating our characters for quite a long time, so when we got together, everybody knew their individual parts. The key thing is for the audience to know who each of us are without telling anybody, and I think this group all fits the bill. We're not dead ringer look-alikes, but we have enough features that make it obvious who each one of us plays, even if we're not dressed up. We seem to freak people out a little bit.

- Scott

BEATLEMANIA: My most memorable moment with the Beatles was when I first met the other three at the Plaza Hotel in New York.

They had all just arrived and had been in the presidential suite for a couple hours. Each room in their suite had a TV set, which was very rare back then, and I remember them rushing back and forth from room to room seeing all the major channels covering their arrival. I had been aware of their journey upwards for a number of years and knew how hard they worked, so it was wonderful to see the icing on the cake, and how they were now famous in America.

- Harrison

MEET THE BEATLES: It's funny because the same week I met Louise, which was surreal enough, I also met Paul McCartney. I already had tickets to the show, but Louise invited me to join her when she was going to be backstage with Paul. I thought I would get a quick handshake and an autograph, which would've been amazing in and of itself, but Paul asked us to sit down for the next half-hour and it was me, Louise, Paul and his wife-to-be Heather. George had just passed away, so it was a big sentimental meeting between Louise and Paul, but it felt so normal and he was so down to earth.

- Scott

MOST COMMON QUESTIONS: Back in the early Beatle days it was always the same thing,



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Liverpool Legends are Joe Bologna (Ringo), Marty Scott (George), Davey Justice (Paul) and Kevin Mantegna (John). Scott and Mantegna are former members of American English.

People would ask "what was he like as a kid?" But now it tends to be more about the world today, and the kind of impact the Beatles made on our thinking. It's more philosophical sort of things rather than what type of cereal George ate for breakfast.

- Harrison

certain people in the world you bond with. She's also so well connected that it's opened up a million doors and allowed us to get on our feet really fast.

- Scott

LOVING LOUISE: She's gotten along great with us, and we all really like each other as people. We have a similar sense of humor, like to laugh a lot and besides all liking the Beatles, there are just

LOVING THE LEGENDS: I've seen so many Beatle bands over the years, but I'm the most happy with them. They're not just a good band, but they're good people who want to keep the Beatles' message of love and peace alive.

- Harrison



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