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Band Bio

The Rock'n'Soul Specialists

PlanB initially formed in the mid-eighties in Adelaide, South Australia, and very quickly proved themselves a class act. The band shared the stage with huge bands of the day: The Eurogliders, Swanee, Goanna, Pseudo Echo, Mondo Rock, The Models, John Paul Young, The Allnitters and more. During that period the band toured extensively across the eastern states of Australia, releasing a number of singles and achieving national airplay until its members moved on to pursue solo projects in early 1986.

PlanB officially reformed in 2009 and as at November 2018, has undertaken nine international tours to a range of countries including the UK, Vietnam, China, Cambodia, Indonesia and Mongolia. Global performances have ranged from large festivals in the UK and China to three nights at the Hard Rock Cafe in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and capacity crowd gigs at Sharky Bar, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The band released its 14-track debut album, 'Too Late the Hero' in November 2013 and followed this up 'Time Is A Diamond', in July 2016. A live album titled 'UK2UB' was released in March 2018.

PlanB has filmed & produced 21 official music videos, collaborated with overseas and local musicians in solo projects, been interviewed on numerous local and overseas radio stations and had their songs receive airplay in Asia, UK, USA and, of course, in Australia.

Current projects on the PlanB agenda include finalising the filming of video clips for songs on 'Time is a Diamond', completing the recording of a third studio album and developing the band's local and international tour schedule for the coming 12 months.

Performer Bios



David Robinson

David Robinson - Vocals

"I love all facets of music-making, but the raw thrill of standing before an expectant crowd, in the minutes immediately preceding a show... wow; that takes some beating." says David in an interview with Voice FM, Ballarat.

David has been bringing his powerful, soulful and sometimes brooding style to appreciative audiences for many years, both as a lead singer in bands and duos and as an accomplished, award-winning singer songwriter.

As the frontman for PlanB, he's the one charged with the responsibility of getting the message across. But it's much more than just singing the words; David puts everything he has into every performance. Delivering the emotion that the song warrants and the audience covets, David will thrill you, touch you and, very likely, leave you with much to think about.

See David do his thing - as soon, and as often, as you can.



Peter Flierl

"Sneaky" Pete Flierl - Bass/vocals

"While not the first band I've formed, PlanB probably best represents the legacy of material I've written in the last 35 years. That's not to say I've stopped, nothing gives me more satisfaction than incorporating new material into the band's touring setlist." says Flierl in a Pakistan radio interview.

Fired in the caldron of the Adelaide independent rock band scene of the 70's and 80's Sneaky Pete's library of songs make up the majority of original works performed by PlanB. These songs range from angst ridden rock anthems to ballads of lost love.

A PlanB performance in many respects is written from Pete's past experiences, which are flavoured with his years living abroad in both Asia and the Middle East.

Live, Flierl delivers backing vocals as if they are torn from his very soul, all the while thumping out his own inimitable style of bass guitar, which is trademark to the PlanB sound.

Performer Bios cont.



Peter Mciver

Peter Mciver - Guitar/Vocals

"Being the lone six string guitarist in an eight piece ensemble is an exciting prospect that I am relishing. I hope to bring that joyous electrical spark that the guitar can provide and that is essential to all great rock n roll bands", says Peter at a rehearsal at the "Rock Nest" 2016.

Peter took up guitar gleaning inspiration from the various punk/ska/post punk bands of the UK during the 70's and 80's. Turning that inspiration into his own original style of playing and songwriting, Peter has fronted his own bands over the years.

Primed and pumped for his latest musical adventure, Peter cannot wait to hit the global stages with PlanB.



Robert Williams

Rob Williams - Trumpet

"Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the big festival stages as such as anyone, but get punters close enough to touch and I'm in my element," says Williams after three sets at Sharky's bar in Phnom Penh.

His New Orleans weeping blues solos deliver a unique emotional message to many of the tracks featured on PlanB's debut album. A core member of "The Horn Dingoes" since the late 80s, Williams' fat sound and commitment to squeezing each and every emotional drop from audiences is evident in the blood and sweat he leaves in his wake.

Whether in hard sync with the section adding that sizzling edge or pouring out his tortured soul on a lead break, Williams is an essential checkbox to add into the seen column for rock punters.

Performer Bios cont.



Adrian Miller

Adrian Miller – Keyboards

“An eight piece ensemble makes for a lot happening on stage. Just being heard above the others is a preoccupation central to my role in the band. Being by nature the quietest member of the band sometimes I even need to resort to using a megaphone just to be heard, Miller says to a rock journalist from the Daily Mao after a gig in a Beijing “Live Bar”.

Miller’s work on PlanB’s debut album consists primarily of adding tasty flavours to the arrangements. A prolific and long-time songwriter he has influenced the band’s live arrangements and wrote many of the lyrics for the songs on PlanB’s second album.

His quirky sense of humor means you can never quite know what to expect from him in a live performance.



David Lloyd

David Lloyd – Drums

“I love the challenge of refining and crafting tunes and then playing them live. I see my role in this band laying down an unwavering backbeat whilst blending emotive moments of light and shade”,
D.Lloyd, 2016

David has played and toured in a variety of bands throughout his 30 year career, most recently in the roots and blues genre. He cites his most (in)famous roles as drummer with much loved award winning outfits, “The Boogie Men” and “Last Train Home”, known for improvisational gutsy performances.

David draws inspiration from many artists including (the late) Richie Haywood from Little Feat. David’s stage presence is undeniable as is the intensity and focus he brings to the band whilst delivering a memorable performance.

Performer Bios cont.



Cameron Smith

Cameron Smith - Flugelhorn & Trumpet

"The flugelhorn is probably not front of mind when it comes to rock ensembles. I guess it's my job to change that," Smith is quoted in an Asian based music blog.

The mellow sound of the conical flugel first made famous by Miles Davis adds a sweet tone to the dark Cameron Smith lines of "The Horn Dingoes".

Smith's magic comes from a career as one of the hardest-working musicians on the Australian contemporary jazz and Latin scene. A giant in terms of his musical prowess and physical presence, Smith fulfils the role traditionally taken by the tenor or alto saxophone in PlanB's horn centric arrangements.

Don't miss this unique combination when PlanB performs at a venue near you.



Patrick Stapleton

Patrick Stapleton - Trombone

"I can really only think of two bands that have worked trombone successfully into their core sound - Dexy's and Chicago, one from the UK, the other the US. It's my aim to add Australia's PlanB to that list", Stapleton says to a University journalist in the 80's at the ripe old age of 16.

Leader of "The Horn Dingoes" the PlanB brass section, Stapleton has been with the band since its first incarnation in the 80's, joining the band while still at high school and performing on stages to crowds well before he was legally able to enter them as a punter. His trombone playing has been an ever-present aspect of the band's unique and iconic "brassy" sound.

Today Stapleton has branched out into the field of videography having directed, shot and edited some 14 music videos used to promote the songs on the band's debut album, "Too Late The Hero."

A major reason PlanB is today one of Australia's premier international touring rock acts is due to Stapleton's high-energy trombone in "The Horn Dingoes". Miss his performances at your peril.

Equipment Rider

Stage Setup Requirements

- 1 Drum set (incl. microphones, cymbals & stool)
 - 1 Bass Guitar amp
 - 1 Electric Guitar amp (Vox preferred)
 - 3 Vocal microphones with stands
 - 1 Keyboard amp (Large Roland preferred)
- (Brass section supply their own clip-on mics)
- (See Stage Diagram for details - next page)

Monitor mixes

- Lead Vocal monitor mix
- Backing Vocal monitor mix
- Brass monitor mix
- Drums monitor mix

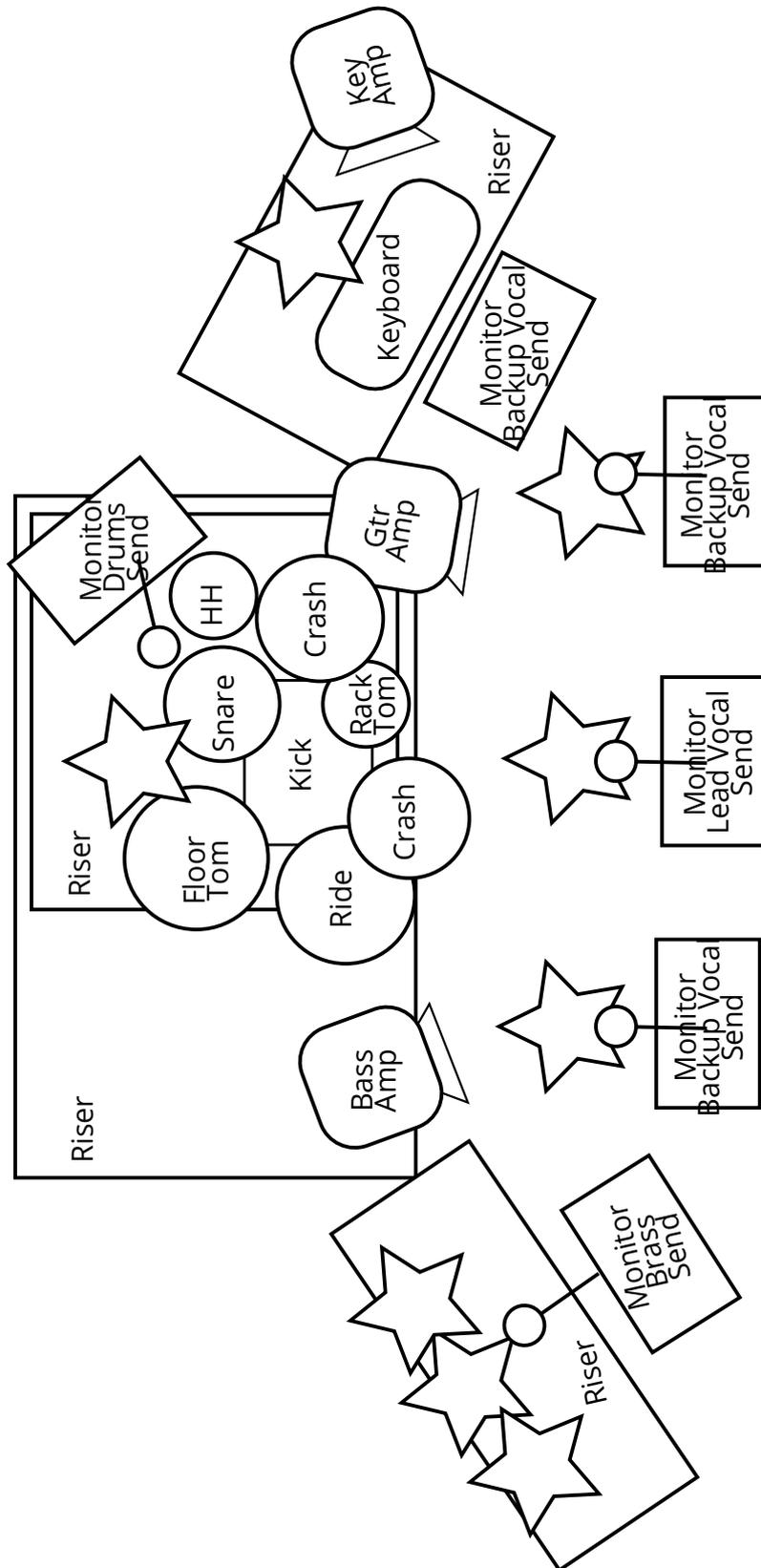
Microphones

For venues larger than 200 people (microphones are listed in order of preference)

Kick	AKG D12E, Sennheiser MD421, Electro Voice PL20 / RE20, Beyer M88, AKG D112
Snare Top	Shure SM57
Snare Bottom	Shure SM57
Hi Hat	Neumann or Gefell small diaphragm condenser, AKG C451, any small diaphragm condenser
Rack Tom	Sennheiser MD421, Beyer M88, any suitable dynamic mic
Floor Tom	Sennheiser MD421, Beyer M88, any suitable dynamic mic
Overheads	Neumann or Gefell small diaphragm condenser, AKG C451, any small diaphragm condenser (left & right)
Base	D.I.
Guitar	Shure SM57
Keyboard	D.I.
Brass	(Sennheiser clip on mics supplied) + 2x Shure SM57 for backup vocals
Vocals	3x Shure SM58 (or comparable)

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Stage Diagram



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Press

"a melodic blend of pop, rock and soul music"

The Phnom Penh Post
30 June 2017

"Australia's rock 'n' soul specialists"

The Cambodia Daily
30 June 2017

"charismatic and talented"

Cambridge Rock Festival
August 2016

"Without a doubt one of the best bands to visit us here in Vietnam, and one of the best live bands I've seen. Joe's Cafe MUINE will always welcome another visit from PLAN B!!! Thanks for the awesome show!"

Joe
Joe's Cafe
Muine, Vietnam
June 2017

"It's Sunday night and I am still buzzing from the gig PlanB played to a full house at Sharky's [...]. The videos and the recorded sound just don't do these guys justice. Live they are phenomenal [and] the show they delivered was up there with the best I have ever seen and I have seen a few. They are the nicest bunch of people you will ever want to meet no prima-donnas just professional and talented. [...] You guys kick ass."

Ben Brett
Sharky Bar
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
July 2017

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"With a killer new line-up and fresh off the back of a UK tour, Plan B's sophomore album *Time is a Diamond* is eleven tracks of pure swingin' sound. [This] album is one to play any time you're in the mood to dance! The band's effervescent energy [powers] the entire album from start to finish."

Cait Larcombe
Steam Train
Voice FM, Ballarat, Victoria
November 2016

Lead single *Psycho Happy* is perfect ear candy, reminiscent of ELO, and its sun-drenched tune bops along with the help of Cat Dog Bird's Jen Lush. *Cloudy With A Chance Of Rain* follows, featuring Ana Simonovska on vocals, and its built-up chorus and slinky post-chorus horn melody is memorably catchy.

Matt Saunders

"*Falling In Love*" is a catchy little rocker built on a solid R&B backbeat and a great hook. This is one of those songs that you maybe don't take notice of the first time you hear it, but quickly becomes a favorite. 1980's Australian rockers PlanB could find second life with this song, both at home and abroad.

Wildy Haskell

Hi-res photos



Joe's Cafe

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Time tunnel

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Bush

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Mui Ne

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