

# The I-42 Band

**I**ntroducing the high energy, dance and party band out of Eastern North Carolina ... the I-42 Band, with three Beach Music songs that are sure to capture the attention of Beach Music fans near and far.

I-42 was formed by Bunny Barrington, who had a personal desire to form a “serious” local band that could and would offer a wide variety of Beach, Motown, Soul, R&B and Funk, mixed with some classic standards, to the people of Eastern North Carolina and beyond.

“After retiring from the corporate world, I wanted to pursue this life-long dream,” Barrington said. “And when I say, lifelong, I mean lifelong.” Barrington began playing music at the age of 14 and though he has played many types of music, the genre of Beach Music really struck deep in his heart.

He worked with Don Perry Productions out of Fayetteville and during the 1970s, he worked on stage with the likes of B.J. Thomas, Macio Parker and Leroy Harper (James Brown Band) and Dennis Edwards (Temptations), to name a few. He stopped playing music professionally at the age of 25, but now he’s back and with a band he feels is as good as they come.



## The Band



As the manager of the I-42 Band, Barrington is also the drummer and vocalist. The lead singer, Bryan Mayer, is a nationally known recording artist who boasts several features on the Country Top 100 charts, and who has toured extensively. On keyboard and vocals is Dave Peoples, who handles a variety of responsibilities covering horns, strings, piano and, his favorite, the Hammond Organ from those ivories. Mark McKenzie, a transplant from Canada, is the guitar player. McKenzie has been playing professionally and touring Canada for over 10 years, bringing first class skills and strong vocals to the band. Lastly, we round out the stage with Wayne Williamson on bass. Wayne played with the Sammy O’Banion Band and Mardi Gras Band. He has years of experience and professionalism on every level.

## The Music

The I-42 Band is releasing three original tunes, all of which are geared to the heart of Beach Music fans and shaggers, alike. The first release, “Carolina Summer,” has already been on Beach Music radio, reaching the number one slot of at least one Beach Music chart. Their second song, “Atlantic Beach Days” also captured the number one position on Beach Music charts. Ironically, the third song being released may be the strongest of the three. “Beach Fever On My Mind,” is certainly designed to get shaggers on the floor, but rest assured, it’s not just for the shaggers. It has all the bells and whistles to make it a future classic. Though two of these songs have been on Beach Music Radio, this is the first time the three songs have been made available to “all” of the Beach Music world.

“We are excited about these songs,” Barrington said. “We have poured our heart and soul into these tracks and we truly feel they will represent the Beach Music genre. Our thanks to the Beach Music DJ’s who have played our music. People like John Moore (Sock Hop, WNCT 107.9), Don Mark (Don Mark’s Surfside, WTOB 96.7), Willie T (On The Boatdock, Beach Waves Radio), Eric Bowman (The Wave-New Beach Music Countdown), 94.3) and Justin Rouse on his Saturday morning radio show, all of whom have embraced the I-42 Band.” The I-42 Band has also been featured on the Carolina Shag Channel 701 on Sirius XM.

Represented by KHP Music out of Dunn, NC, the I-42 Band also recognizes the engineering talents of Keith Houston. “Working with Keith is a dream come true,” Barrington said. “We cannot thank him enough for his incredible tireless work ethic and for his advice and input.”



**The I-42 Band is available for clubs, weddings, festivals fundraiser and private parties. They will also be performing again this year at the Atlantic Beach Beach Music Festival, thanks to Bill Stafford, who serves as the band’s booking agent. See back.**