

# The Decelerators will be performing at Jigg's

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KINNELON — For members of the blues-rock band The Decelerators, times may have changed, but the music is still the same.

With decades of experience between them and bonds that run nearly as long, the Decelerators prepare for a show at Jigg's Corner Bar this Saturday night, and plan on doing what they have for so many years now — have fun and entertain the crowd.

"We'll each see a lot of people we grew up with when we play now," said bassist Joe Taylor, who lived in Riverdale for 20 years. "That's one of the great things about playing now."

The band's drummer, Bob Marines, and guitarist Joe Brensinger have known each other since they were kids, and have been playing music together ever since. The two grew up just houses away from one another in Pompton Lakes, and began playing music at an early age.

"I was nine, Joe was 10, and a kid down the street played bass with us. We pretty much played together up until college," said Marines.

Brensinger has been in a series of local bands, most recently with The New West before forming The Decelerators. He also played in a band called the Whyos, which had a release on a Dutch record label titled Rockhouse Records. An earlier band Brensinger played with, Croyola, used to perform in popular New York City bars, including CBGB.

"I'm happy to playing with Bob again after so many years," said Brensinger. "We used to play high school dances together, so it means a lot to still be playing with him."

Taylor said he started playing around the age of 14, right after seeing the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show.

"I started practicing with my neighbor's bass the next day," said Taylor, who over the years had also learned to play guitar with success, but went back to his bassist roots for this band.

In the 90's Taylor was part of Kilby Taylor, a band that played locally for a number of years and had an album that was released. When things went sour, he stopped playing for years, but after meeting Marines and discovering each were musicians, he thought he'd get back into it.

"If it wasn't for Bob I might not be playing," said Taylor. "This band is great. Everyone seems to be in sync and just get along."

The group has been together for three years is made up of five musicians. Brensinger plays guitar, Marines is on drums, Taylor plays bass. The three were the band's original core and more recently acquired Dan Storey on vocals and Glenn Macdermott on keyboards.

Macdermott also has been in a few bands over the years and also owns and operates a rehearsal studio in Butler called U.S. Rehearsal Studios.

This is Storey's first band, but Brensinger, who used to sing in other bands, felt that Storey was up for the job.

"I feel that Dan's a natural. He has a real feel for the blues," said Brensinger.

"We really gel as a band," said Marines, admitting that the each member's former experience with music, good and bad, make the group work so well together. "None of us try to be a superstar when we play. The best thing as that we never step on each other's toes."

The Decelerators opened up for the Marshall Tucker Band at Mountain Creek this summer, and usually play a few shows a month in local bars in the northern New Jersey area.

The band still likes to keep people guessing, covering songs from performers like B.B King, Stevie Ray Vaughn, John Cougar, along with performing a handful of original songs.

"We usually don't do traditional covers," said Marines. "We try to find something off the wall and out our own style to it."

The Decelerators are playing at Jigg's Corner at 10 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 12, and also has a show next week at Mountain Creek again for an event profiting the Vernon Police PBA, on Saturday Oct. 19.

"Jigg's is a great place to play," said Brensinger, who writes the bands original songs. "The crowd we get there are real fans of music."

Jigg's Corner Bar is located on Route 23 Northbound side in Kinnelon.

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