

# JACK MACK

## THE BAND



*"Jack Mack and the Heart Attack has been LA's leading proponent of Rock'n'Soul music for a long time. They are one of my all time favorite bands."*

- Glenn Frey, the Eagles.

Jack Mack are described as "extraordinary musicians and dynamic performers". This 10 piece Rockin' Soul band has lived three decades as one of America's most dynamic and insurmountable bands. They've circled the globe performing concerts, clubs, festivals, major corporate events and some of the world's most outrageous private affairs for nearly three decades. Their individual style of high energy R&B /Soul music, a combination of the Memphis Stax Volt sound and James Brown, has garnered an ever expanding and loyal following, and cemented their legendary reputation.

The Jack Mack entertainment brand has oozed into every facet of show biz, from their incredible live performances, studio recordings, film and TV music placements and the ever-constant shoulder rubbing with celebrities. As they inch towards their thirtieth year, Jack Mack will step up to the world stage once again with a brand new album release in 2010 and exciting re-releases and new releases from their cult classics. They are unstoppable.

Known for nearly three decades as 'Jack Mack and the Heart Attack', the band is widely known as one of the premier Soul, R&B, party bands in the world.

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You can find their infamous horn section, “The Heart Attack Horns” included on countless collections and numerous award winning recording artists albums worldwide. But what the band is most known for is their solid, energetic and stellar live performances.

The All-Star line-up currently features founder/guitarist **Andrew Kastner** (Chaka Kahn, Natalie Cole, Barry White), sax player **Bill Bergman** (Bonnie Raitt, Glenn Frey), singer **Mark Campbell** (Huey Lewis, Jackson Browne), trumpeter **Les Lovitt** (Grammy winners Woody Herman, Herbie Hancock and No Doubt), bassist **Tim Scott** (Eric Clapton, Tower of Power), drummer **Les Falconer** (Keb Mo, Tony Braxton) and keyboardist **Jeff Paris** (Ringo Starr, Keb' Mo' and Dave Stewart of Eurythmics)

The band augments their line up with singer Tasha Taylor, daughter of the infamous soul singer, Johnny Taylor, singer **Will Rize** (Stevie Wonder, Lenny Kravitz ), and the incomparable, gorgeous and talented identical twin combination of **Paula** and **Pamela Mattioli**, whose records (under the name Gypsy Queen) were produced by John Lennon’s producer, Jack Douglas.

## **It all began with a gold jacket in a used clothing store**

Jack Mack started as an idea in 1978 of lead guitarist, Andrew Kastner, who after a chat with the future band’s drummer Claude Pepper, aka Jack Mack, wanted to form a big, soulful horn band and play one night a week, just for fun. It wasn’t until two years later, in 1980, that the band began, after Andrew was inspired by seeing Billy and the Beaters at the Troubadour, and the following day saw a gold jacket in a used clothing store window- the same gold jacket Andrew went on to wear the entire first year of the band’s inception.

In August 1980, along with Claude, Andrew put together an ensemble of friends who began rehearsing out of Andrew’s Venice Beach garage, that included Max Gronenthal as lead singer, John Paruolo (B3), Lee Thonburg, Rick Shlosser (drums) John Berry on trumpet, Greg Smith on baritone sax. Jerry Jumonville on sax (later replaced by Garrett Atkins on trombone (later replaced by Jim Coile), and Scott Chambers on bass.

The band didn’t play their first show at the Blue lagon Saloon in Venice CA. until October 1980.

*“The band came together very easily because there were many great musicians in LA that had moved out from their hometowns to play studio or back up gigs”, says Andrew.*

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*“After backing up everyone else, these players were ready to do something they loved, something for themselves. The amazing thing about the band was that we all had a common goal, we weren’t playing for money or fame. All we wanted was to capture the essence of the old soul records and go out and have fun.*

Coming up with the name of the band using a play on words between Claude Pepper’s real name, (Jack Mack, plus Andrew’s whimsical use of a rhyming dictionary, the name “Jack Mack and the Heart Attack” stuck, and was to be the name till 2009.)

In the early eighties, the band honed their sound with dedication, playing gigs around LA until they took up residency at The Central, the now infamous Viper Room on Sunset Blvd, every Monday night. Within a few weeks, people were forming lines around the block to get into the tiny club to see their show ( the band will soon be releasing a live recording of one of those hot nights at the Central.)

Since those early times, the band has never looked back, and have had a constant, successful ride on stage and in the studio.

## **A consummate live band**

Jack Mack’s live appearances have been numerous and steady. They have packed bars, rock clubs, parties, corporate events, concert halls, outdoor concerts and festivals.

It’s hard to put Jack Mack in only one peg hole stylistically, as they draw from so much of the past and present, and make it their own. Touches of soul classics from James Brown, Wilson Pickett, Booker T & the MG’s, a bit of Mowoton, and a whole lot of southern Memphis feel – creates the starting point to where Jack Mack likes to take it on the live scene.

*“I once spoke to Jackson Browne, and surprisingly he told me that he used to come to our shows at Club Lingerie, and that we were a source of inspiration...,”* says Andrew Kastner, Jack Mack founder & guitarist.

## **Dance-‘til-you drop, groove-‘til-you sweat’...**

Drawing from their esteemed past and moving into the future, Jack Mack perform a high energy show with a fun factor that raises the roof wherever they perform. These extraordinary and professional performers provide just the recipe to cook up a super hot show every time they hit the stage!

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From special arrangements of classics, to some of today's most popular tunes, infused with their own extraordinary original songs, Jack Mack provides a landscape of music sure to please the most discerning listener, pleasing audiences with their "dance-'til-you drop, groove-'til-you sweat" performances. With original songs impressively performed by the 10-piece band, some of the Jack Mack favorites include, "I'm Gonna Be Somebody" (from the movie: Police Academy), "Somewhere Somebody", plus a unique James Brown Medley, a Temptations Medley and a Sly & The Family Stone medley.

This 10 piece ensemble is a cookin' and slammin' musical machine that carries on the tradition of Jack Mack (and the Heart Attack) and moves it forward, pleasing long-time fans and capturing new hearts, as they blaze their way across the globe.

## **Memorable and not so memorable performances**

Jack Mack has starred in an episode of Laverne & Shirley called: "The Rock and Roll Show", in addition to performing at private parties for George Lucas, and Apple computers with Robin Williams. The band has also , toured Europe 3 times and headlined two gigantic Rock Festivals in Denmark. Jack Mack is also known for backing up artists like, Bobby Womack, The Rascals, Ben E King, and spent a year as the house band on the brand new Fox channel performing nightly on "The Late Show".

Jack Mack have had numerous guest appearances with other world class artists, including the "Godfather of Soul", James Brown, who invited the band on stage to perform with him in Dallas, Texas. Andrew recalls, "*James had two drummers and two guitarists, so we slowly integrated into "Sex Machine" without the song stopping. We played "Cold Sweat" and maybe one other tune. It's a bit of a blur to me now. The highlight of the night was when James himself, put his cape on our lead singer, Max. It was a dream come true.*"

In 1996, they performed at the Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia (Centennial Olympic Park), although this occasion was marked with tragedy. During their performance, a bomb exploded killing several people and wounding others. Luckily, none of the band members were injured, and ironically the band received a lot of publicity from the event. They write about this crazy and sad moment on their website under 'Band Stories.'

## **In the studio**

While their follow up CDs continue in the tradition of heartfelt American Rock and Soul music, you can also find Jack Mack included on countless TV/Movie soundtrack

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collections and numerous award winning recording artists' albums, as well. Their catalog includes a 6 album legacy which are now all available on their website, [www.jackmack.com](http://www.jackmack.com) and digitally online, including iTunes and many others.

Jack Mack's first recording, "Cardiac Party" on the Warner Brothers label, was released in 1982, It was, produced by the legendary Glenn Frey, of the Eagles and featured songs by original singer, Max Gronenthal. Max wrote this album during the band's stint on Monday nights at The Central and Club Lingerie in 1980-82. Playing those clubs inspired the stories and songs. The concept was to create a throw-back to an old soul record vibe, and it worked. Hit songs included "Cardiac Party", "Hooray For The City" & "True Lovin' Woman". This album continues to be a cult favorite the world over, and is now their "classic").

In 1990, their hugely popular release, "**JACK IT UP**" was released, bringing their unique music once more to the masses. Filled with their signature Soul/R&B sound and featuring a full horn section, "Jack It Up" truly defined them as a true Soul band, which was as talented in writing original songs, as they were in playing timeless covers. Glenn Frey (The Eagles) wrote: " So grab your bottle, and your baby, have some friends over, play this album loudly and jack it up."

**ARRHYTHMIA** was released in 1997, It features then Lead Singer, TC Moses. Many of the songs were written or co-written by current Jack Mack keyboardist, Jeff Paris and Produced by Bill Wray and band members Bill Bergman, Andrew Kastner and John Paruolo.

In 2002, the band recorded **SCOTT HAMILTON & FRIENDS**, a live recording in Philadelphia - featuring: Susan Anton. This is a live TV performance of Jack Mack with Olympic Gold medalist, Scott Hamilton.

In 2007 year, Jack Mack released **CLUB LINGERIE – LIVE**, A long lost master tape was found in a box and the result is the incredible new release, "Club Lingerie Live 1982" .12 songs were recorded on Nov. 12, 1982 at the club where Jack Mack cut their teeth. If you love the "Cardiac Party" album, then this is a must. It's Jack Mack at their finest hour.

That same year, they released, **BY REQUEST** . This project contains several hit movie recordings - including songs from the Hit Movie, *Police Academy*, "I'm Gonna Be Somebody" and "She's In My Corner", plus 10 other 1st time releases recorded between 1984 and 1988. Also included are songs from the movies, *Tuff Turf* and *Jersey*

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*Girl*. With “By Request,” Jack Mack has found a permanent place in the hearts of true Soul and R&B fans everywhere.

## **10-10-10 – Thirty years On**

In October 2010, Jack Mack will celebrate a milestone few bands in the history of music have been able to reach: their 30th Anniversary. As the countdown to Oct. 2010 begins, the band is planning several major events. First up, is a complete revamp of their web site and a major leap into every possible networking site, Friends, Fans, and Networks are the new paradigm, and Jack Mack plans to look forward as well as reach out to their long time supporters.

This will be the first time Jack Mack will be able to communicate worldwide with all their listeners, and instantly reply, blog, and respond. Get connected with Jack Mack at [www.jackmack.com](http://www.jackmack.com)

Next up, Jack Mack has signed with BFM Media and will be releasing every Recording in the band’s storied history. You’ll be able to listen to and download any track from any of the band’s releases offered on 100’s of sites-from iTunes to MSN, encompassing every site in the world.

The summer of 2009 will find the band in full creative mode. Writing a brand new package of raw, soulful, and heartfelt tunes will be the plan. Jack Mack’s history of digging into the roots of Stax, the funk of the Godfather, and the grease of the Soul Masters, will inspire the band to record a collection of songs only a group with decades under their belt can achieve.

In the fall of 2009, Jack Mack will be releasing their first “Greatest Hits 1982-2009”. This collection, in addition to containing their hottest movie tracks, will also include a first ever Christmas/Holiday track as a bonus. Every performance filmed and recorded since 1981, will be digitized and available on the band’s site, in addition to You Tube, and all the major networks.

Winter of 2010 will find the band releasing a single from their upcoming project. Jack Mack plans on performing all over the country throughout the first half of 2010 and reaching out to as many friends, fans and supporters as they can.

**10.10.10**, is the 30th Anniversary of Jack Mack. It is also the name of Jack Mack’s much anticipated recording project. 10 men began performing as Jack Mack on the night of 10.10.80. On 10.10.10 - a legendary band will celebrate a date that can only be

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described as a “Cardiac Party”. Stay tuned for details about this impending release in 2010.

Andrew Kastner, lead guitarist, writes: *“Playing and performing in Jack Mack for 29 years has been amazing. Come join us for the next 30.”*

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## INDUSTRY SPEAK

" Of all the bands I have listened to over the years, Jack Mack & The Heart Attack have a unique and powerful style that has inspired me throughout my skating career". Scott Hamilton

"Jack Mack is one of the best Soul bands to ever come out of America". Glenn Frey (The Eagles)

"I've used Jack Mack on several of my own productions over the years, and I can tell you they really turn the heat up and get everybody of their seat". Dick Clark

"Jack Mack helped to make our Lucas films Xmas party a huge success". George Lucas

"Along with comedian Robin Williams, Jack Mack provided the perfect atmosphere at our party to celebrate the launch our latest release" .Steve Jobs (Apple Computer CEO)

"They made my birthday party a big hit" .Whoopi Goldberg

"They were so much fun, I want them to play all my weddings".  
Tom Arnold

"Celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a very special event for our company. Jack Mack was just what the doctor ordered". Andrew Grove (Intel CEO)

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## FANS SPEAK

They could be the greatest horn band of the early 1980's out of Los Angeles, who just happened to have rocked a private party at the Wine Barn here in Wichita. They had a smash album, Cardiac Party. I had the pleasure of playing the band on radio. Jack Mack is still around today and playing all over the west coast. Recently there have been tapes rediscovered of a live performance from 1982 at Club Lingerie in L.A. and what a find this is. Coming to you in a full driving live performance in front of 900 people in a 250 seat club. This is gift from heaven.

Jack Mack was a 10 piece band with a 5 piece horn section, which is my favorite kind of band. I played this disc for my son, Spencer, to wake him one morning and it was he who said play it all loud. Spencer is a horn player himself and flipped over the Jack Mack horns led by Bill Bergman.

I would be remiss not to mention of the excellent lead vocals of Max Carl, who would be with Dudek, Finnegan & Kruger, when they played the Cotillion. The former lead singer of the Fabulous Flippers is one of best R&B singers there ever was. Guitarist Andrew Kastner stands out surrounded by the horns.

I can list the songs one by one, but each one is a stand out and together, this is one helluva of party. This is MUST CD for anyone who likes to dance and loves good music. Many of the songs are from the first release, "Cardiac Party." Done live is the only way to hear them. I was listening and dancing all night as the disc played, I loved the '80's.

Jack Mack falls into my category of..."trust me and buy this disc". You will not be sorry, matter of fact, you will thank me.

The band performs songs from their original CD's as well as some of the great Soul classics. If you want to hear authentic sweet soul music played by season vets, Jack Mack is the real deal.