

Pieces of Eight / Greenwood, South Carolina

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Brief Description	One of the great horn bands of <i>The Heeey Baby Days of Beach Music</i> formed when two original Swingin' Medallions joined The (six) Tassels from Raleigh, North Carolina in late 1966. That group stayed together just over a year and were replaced with other excellent musicians and showmen. The band had a full itinerary until late 1970 even though the number of musicians that had ridden on the old Greyhound exceeded three times eight. The 1968-1970 incarnation of the Pieces of Eight, who became the Bits & Pieces in early 1970 were recruited by Ron Simpson, a member of the third Pieces of Eight of mid-1970, AKA the Missing Pieces, to reform in 2002 as the Pieces of Eight. Six members of the second Pieces of Eight/Bits & Pieces are giving old and new audiences a great revival of The Heeey Baby Days. Hear <i>The Lonely Drifter</i> on the soundtrack to <i>The Heeey Baby Days of Beach Music</i> . Various members of The Pieces of Eight have made significant contributions to the book.			
Year Established	1966-1970, 2002-Current			
Favorite Venues	Red Rooster, Panama City Florida, Charlie Williams Pine Crest Lodge, Athens, Georgia			
Music Genre/Recordings	R&B <i>The Lonely Drifter</i> , <i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf</i> (1967), <i>Come Back Girl</i> (1967)			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Hicks, Irvn	New Bern, NC	Drums	1967-1968	Joined Swingin' Medallions in late 1968, short stint
Helser, Ken	Raleigh, NC	Lead Vocals, Trumpet	1967-1968	Moved to Kallabash in 1967
Caldwell, Steve	Deceased	Saxophone	1967-1968	Left Pieces in 1968, attended USC grad school, started very successful temp agency, spent last years serving church
Abdallah, Michael	Atlanta, GA	Trumpet	1967-1968	Took over at trumpet when Ken Helser left and stayed through summer of 1968; earlier was a member of Swinging Professionals
Fortson, Brent	Greenville, SC	Saxophone	1967-1968	Left Pieces in 1968, attended UGA law school, practices in Greenville, plays weekends with Ninth Row
Wrenn, Mark	Greensboro, NC	Saxophone	1967-1968	Moved to Kallabash in 1967
Bumgardner, Jim	Raleigh, NC	Bass Guitar	1967-1968	Went to Joe Odom & Soul Rush '69, now plays with Harry's Band
Barbour, Carlie	Wilmington, NC	Guitar	1967-1968	Went to Joe Odom & Soul Rush '69
Wood, Wally		Keyboards	1967-1968	Went to Joe Odom & Soul Rush '69
Hicks, Ronnie	Rome	Lead Vocals	1967-1968	Replaced Ken Helser in 1967, leaves in early 1968
Andrews, Pat	Atlanta, GA	Drums	1968-1970	Changed to Bits & Pieces in 1970; now runs Bands Atlanta Booking Agency
Asip, Jimmy	Atlanta, GA	Lead Vocals	1968-1970	Changed to Bits & Pieces in 1970
Bernard, David	Coleman's Lake, GA	Keyboards	1968-1970	replaces Wally Wood who moves to the Castaways Ltd.
Coile, Colton	Winterville, GA	Saxophone	1968-1970	

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Dollar, Bobby	Wadley, GA	Lead Guitar	1968-1970	Replaces Carlie Barbour Changed to Bits & Pieces in 1970
Hughes, Charlie	Gainesville, GA	Trumpet	1968-1970	Changed to Bits & Pieces in 1970
Seabolt, Johnny	Memphis, TN	Saxophone	1968-1970	Changed to Bits & Pieces in 1970
Sutton, Steve	Snellville	Saxophone	1968-1970	Changed to Bits & Pieces in 1970 earlier was with Fourteen Feet of Soul
Wright, Roger	Atlanta, GA	Bass	1968-1972	Stayed with Pieces of Eight as other seven including Asip, Dollar, Hughes, Seabolt, Andrews, Sutton and Harding form Bits & Pieces
Harding, Bill	Athens, GA	Keyboards	1970-	replaces Bernard; Bits & Pieces
Allen, Albert		Trombone	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Anderson, Andy		Drums	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Askew, Vernon		Trumpet	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Cook, Dick		Substitute Saxophone	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Schafule, Dave		Lead Guitar	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Simpson, Ron	Fayetteville, GA	Lead Vocals	1970-1972	Heads RCS Productions; Missing Pieces
Baldwin, Andy		Drums	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Tarpley, Randy		Trumpet	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Wells, Richard		Keyboards	1970-1972	Missing Pieces
Asip, Jimmy	Atlanta, GA	Lead Vocals	2002-Current	POE 60s, Bits & Pieces 70s
Collins, Lindsey	Evans, GA	Keyboards	2002-Current	
Bowie, Ace	Easley, SC	Lead Vocals	2002-Current	Joined Bits & Pieces in early '70s
Dollar, Bobby		Lead Guitar	2002-Current	POE 60s, Bits & Pieces 70s
Hughes, Charlie		Trumpet	2002-Current	POE 60s, Bits & Pieces 70s
Seabolt, Johnny	Blue Ridge, GA	Saxophone	2002-Current	POE 60s, Bits & Pieces 70s
Sutton, Steve	Snellville	Saxophone	2002-Current	POE 60s, Bits & Pieces 70s
Dollar, Jr. Bobby	Louisville, GA	Drums	2002-Current	
Stressman, Chris	Orlando, FL	Trumpet	2002-Current	
Tennant, Chris	Hickory, NC	Trombone	2002-Current	
Chambers, Bill	Austell, GA	Bass	2002-Current	
Collins, Robert		Trumpet		
Fitzgerald, Jim	Mobile, AL	Keyboards		
Flemming, Gerald	Athens, GA	Keyboards		
Matthews, Kenny		Vocals		