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Kevin King performs, writes, promotes, and teaches so everyone can experience live music.

Kevin's passion for live music began at age 14 with the start of his first band, *Ma's Boys*, in his hometown of Sioux Falls, SD, and he's been a professional musician ever since. He plays acoustic, electric, and 12 string guitars; he plays ukulele; and he sings both lead and back-up vocals. Today, Kevin lives in Des Moines, Iowa, where he plays with a variety of popular local groups, including the band for which he is most well-known: *Hot-Rod Chevy Key*.

Hot Rod -Chevy Key is recognized nationwide for their own performances, including a tribute to the Blues Brothers, as well as for playing with some of rock & roll's greatest acts. Kevin has had the honor of playing guitar with Lou Christie, The Crystals, The Drifters, Leslie Gore, Denny Lane, Tommy Roe, Del Shannon, and Bobby Vee. A memorable gig for Kevin was when he played with Chuck Berry in front of 30,000 people at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. Using a simple formula of vintage rock & roll, great musicianship and a large dose of fun, *Hot Rod-Chevy Key* remains one of the most successful roots rock and show bands in the country.

Kevin is an inductee in Iowa and South Dakota Rock and Roll Halls of Fame for his involvement with *Hot Rod-Chevy Key*, *Ma's Boys*, *the Upson-Downs*, and *Something New*. He is active with the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association, serving as one of their volunteer board members.

In addition to his lengthy career in rock 'n roll, Kevin has a history as a church musician. As a high school student in Sioux Falls, he was part of O'Gorman's *Knight Singers*, which was one of the first contemporary Christian music groups in the country. Kevin also spent eight years serving as the director of music and worship in a church in Des Moines, and he still enjoys playing and singing for church as his schedule permits.

Kevin's original songs, which crossover from rock to alternative to contemporary Christian in style, have been performed live, recorded, and played on radio stations across the midwest. When he's not playing live himself, Kevin promotes bands for private, community and corporate events. He also teaches adults and kids to appreciate music through learning the guitar and the ukulele.