

“Member Profile”

This week’s feature: *Jeff and Amy Babinski*



Right off the bat you must know that Jeff and Amy are two very musical people. Both have their Masters degrees in music. Jeff plays the drums and Amy is a singer, but more on that later. Jeff was born in Cleveland and grew up in Parma, Ohio. Amy was born in Cleveland but grew up in Dallas, Texas. They met at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque while both were working on their Masters Degrees, Amy’s degree is in Music Education and Jeff’s degree is in Percussion Performance.

Realizing that there may be more connections in Cleveland, they moved back after college. Amy taught music, and Jeff free lanced with various groups. Jeff served as Director of the Canton Symphony Steel Band, was with the Battu Percussion Group at Baldwin Wallace University, and performed with the Cleveland Opera and the Cleveland Ballet. These days Jeff works full time in the electronic health records business with Office Practicum, but still plays with several groups, a steel drum band, 7 Mile Isle Band, and Maura Rogers and Bellows. After teaching a number of years, Amy worked for Hyland Software for 17 years. She has recently changed companies and now works for Fresenius Medical Care in Health Care IT.

Jeff and Amy have been married for 20 years and have three children. Mary is 17 and a freshman at the University of Cincinnati. Alex is 15 and a sophomore at Westlake High School. Ellen is 13 and in 8th grade in Westlake.

Besides keeping busy with the bands, Jeff likes to cycle and work in the yard. He is thinking of unpacking his model railroad, which years ago was one of his hobbies. Amy who currently sings with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus also enjoys reading spy thrillers, cooking, and baking. She has designed and made a number of wedding cakes. Many folks don’t know that Amy sang at Carnegie Hall three times, and Jeff once played with the English rock band Moody Blues. Wow, what talent! You will love meeting and talking to Jeff, Amy and the family.

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