

# DAVID SHELBY

Picking up the trumpet in grade school led to a couple of twists along that fabled road to becoming a professional performer. Dave earned a degree in Jazz and Contemporary Media, singing tenor with the university Vocal Jazz Ensemble. He's been on national tours as an ace trumpet slinger and his writing credits include arrangements commissioned for the dedication of national war monuments and work for the Pittsburgh Symphony. All that time he kept an eye on that two-lane blacktop leading to his love of country music.

Leaving touring life behind for a spot with Detroit legends, The Regular Boys, he began singing more and writing in earnest. While honing his chops Dave began to chase down his dream of becoming a singer songwriter. He traded in his trumpet for a microphone and a guitar and began his journey. Writing from the heart and performing energy packed shows with his band, is quickly becoming his trademark.

Dave sings, writes, and performs his material with a lot of heart and total conviction. His songs reflect his love for Nashville, the history of country music, and his gritty "Rock On!" sensibilities are pure Detroit.

"I wanted my music to reflect where I come from," Dave explains, "I grew up on equal parts Country, Motown and Rock."

Solid songwriting, good humor and depth of feeling all meet up on that road back home. David Shelby traveled far and wide to find what he needed...just a microphone, a band and an audience.



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Fall 2007** – Release of 1st album "I Came To Play"

**Spring 2008** – On air performance and interview with the Dr. Don morning show on 99.5 WYCD

**Spring 2008** - Performed at the 99.5 Downtown Hoedown

**Spring 2008** – 1st place online voting competition, Mountain Country Music Festival, Farwell MI.

**Spring 2008** – Songs off "I Came To Play" get airtime on 99.5 sister HD station The Wolf

**Summer 2008** – Performed at various country fairs and festivals including the Mt. Clemens Stars and Stripes Festival, Detroit Riverdays Festival, Pontiac Arts Beats and Eats, and Westland Fair.

**Summer 2008** – Recorded at Rustbelt studios with producer Al Sutton.

**Fall 2008** - 2nd consecutive year to headline the Saddle Up for St. Jude charity ride and concert.

**Fall 2008** – Winner of online voting and Performing, 99.5 WYCD and DetroitCountryMusic.com Big Band Break competition.

**Spring 2009** - Nominated for a Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Country Recording "I Came to Play".

**May 2009** - Signed production deal with famed Nashville producers Ed Seay and Russ Zavitsou

**June 2009** - Headlined Caseville Ribstock Festival

**August 2009** - Played Hard Rock Cafe - Detroit, MI

**August 2009** - Invited to play at The Kenny Chesney Beach Bash

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