

The Morrow Family Band

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As a young girl, Melinda Morrow would do homework at the Milltop in St. Augustine while listening to her father play music in a band with his brother and sister. She grew up in a musical family, but no one encouraged her to pursue music. They wanted her to go to college and become a lawyer but Melinda went to college on a full scholarship to study music. After a year, she met the love of her life, Jim Morrow, and dropped out to get married and start a family.

Jim, a dedicated musician who had been in numerous bands throughout his lifetime, shared Melinda's love for music. Together they started a band, owned a recording studio and a music store, and had a daughter named Dawn. Naturally, Dawn inherited her parents' passion for music and chose to pursue dance. When Dawn grew up and decided that she wanted to move from the South to L.A. to get her bachelor's degree in dance and explore a possible acting career, the close-knit family sold their businesses and packed up.

While Dawn was getting her degree, Jim and Melinda experienced what they described as a "stagnant" music life. However, Dawn was beginning to discover her newfound love for the creation of music by learning how to play the ukulele and writing songs. They spent 10 years out West. Their strong southern



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roots pulled them back East. Today, St. Augustine is home to the timeless family band that represents three generations of music. Their set list ranges from 60s music to today's hits.

"I've worked with many bands over the years and people just leave because there's nothing bonding them together. Whereas with us, we can have our little music spats but we're still family so that keeps us together," said Jim Morrow. Jim started playing



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