

# **JOHN MARRELLA**

## ***Drums and percussion***

As listed in *"The New Rolling Stone Encyclopedia of Rock and Roll"*, John Marrella toured for six years nationally and internationally as full time band member and drummer of **"The Lovin' Spoonful"**. Some of their hits include: *"Do You Believe in Magic"*, *"Summer in the City"*, *"Day Dream"*, *"Did You Ever Have to Make up Your Mind"*, and *"Nashville Cats"*. John joined them on their third gig after reuniting. He toured all across the U.S., Canada, Caribbean, Holland, Germany, and Japan; performing in stadiums and arenas, (including Live Telecasts), to crowds of twenty, thirty thousand, and more. He especially liked the many times he headlined with them in Las Vegas. John enjoys sharing his love for the gift of music around the world.

Prior to joining **"The Lovin' Spoonful"**, John toured nationally as full time band member and drummer of **"Head East"**. Some of their hits include: *"Never Been any Reason"*, and *"Since You've Been Gone"*. He also played selected dates in the U.S. and Canada as *"Ringo"* for the original Broadway franchise of **"Beatlemania"**.

Originally from Chicago, John played for many years in the "Club Scene" with original project bands including *"EYZ"*. He also played in the "Casual" circuit, and started a small recording studio. John credits his early professional start, (at the age of fourteen), and his private instructor *Duanne Thamm*, for his high skills.

John relocated to his small ranch in the mountains of Colorado where he built, owned, and operated a "for hire" recording studio. Having to be producer, arranger, and music and vocal coach, John grew as a musician and artist. As he did for many years in Chicago, he also instructed drums and percussion privately.

John is now pivoting out of Chicago, (still keeping his ranch), and has the "bug" to tour again. Realizing there are many countries and peoples he needs to share his love and joy of music, John is excited for new opportunities. Passport ready, John looks forward to being of service to other professional touring acts.

### References:

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