



Formed in 1999 to showcase the musical genius and large canon of memorable songs from the iconic Van Halen, HOT FOR TEACHER the Van Halen Experience is California's first and longest running tribute to the mighty Van Halen and has performed across the United States thrilling concert-goers and dedicated fans ever since. HOT FOR TEACHER brings to the stage everything fans of the world's greatest party rock band crave; including all of the biggest and greatest hits from both the Van Halen & Van Hagar eras.

Party-goers & guests can expect the roaring and volcanic lead vocals & showmanship from David Lee Roth and the melodic "Are we havin' fun yet?" musical good time vibes from Sammy Hagar, the stunning and signature guitar rhythms & solos and vocals from Eddie Van Halen, the thundering bass and incredible sonic voice of Michael Anthony who has actually performed with HFT, along with the driving beat of the massive drum sets and voice of Alex Van Halen; all of which combine in angelic vocal and musical harmonies. Because "When It's Love" "Everybody Wants Some". So, "Jump" into the "Best of Both Worlds" and "Dance the Night Away" "Right Now" with one hell of a remarkable and memorable experience from the good times and fun songs of summers passed; and brought to you by musicians of HOT FOR TEACHER the Van Halen Experience!

HOT FOR TEACHER features four explosive performers that are not only among the most talented musicians on the West Coast but are also dedicated scholars of the Van Halen musical legacy.

3 distinct packages and custom blends to unlock your favorite eras of the Van Halen family canon

Van Halen Experience — "Jump" into the "Best of Both Worlds" when HFT combines the entire catalog of classic Van Halen with Van Hagar into one awesome show.

Diamond Dave Experience — Featuring the sounds of the David Lee Roth era Van Halen and DLR Band. So, come "Dance the Night Away" with your favorite gigolo!

Red Rocker Experience — Bringing all the great and iconic Sammy Hagar tunes to life from Montrose to Sammy, to Van Hagar and the Wabos, to Chickenfoot and The Circle.

HFTROCKS.com Productions & industry favorite HOT FOR TEACHER are ready to get back in the traditional show saddle for 2022. You may recall that we "blazed new trails" in 2020 as the lead in putting together the "Roll In & Rock Out" drive-in-style "LIVE concerts in Northern California. The ONLY "LIVE music for hundreds of miles in every direction. This industry-leading model was a "Best Practices", socially distanced, mask-wearing phenomenon that sold out consistently!

With an uncanny knack for channeling both David Lee Roth and Sammy Hagar, singer and bandleader Randy Monroe, belts out Van Halen's powerful vocal rants and irreverent lyrical sound bites with the same volcanic intensity of the original recordings – all the while conjuring Roth's none-too-serious, get-all-the-girls-dancing, "F— yeah this is real Jack Daniels" party vibe or "Are we havin' fun yet?" Sammy Hagar lifestyle. (Fun Fact: as with the band's name, Monroe is also an award-winning science teacher.)

Guitar virtuoso Jeremy Von Epp brings his 30 years of study, teaching, and performing to California's original Van Halen experience. As an aficionado of the legendary Eddie Van Halen, Von Epp is wired with the passion and DNA to execute the classics from "Meanstreet" to "Best of Both Worlds". His style is heavily influenced by many of the classic hard rock and heavy metal guitar players of the late 70's, 80's, and beyond. Von Epp is best known for his signature guitar riffs and flawless shredding in two well-known Bay Area rock and metal bands – The Venting Machine and The Watchers.

Our four-string superhero Jesse Scott not only brings the Michael Anthony thunder on bass, but he also amazingly nails Anthony's near-inimitable ultra-high vocal harmonies – a crucial sonic element of every Van Halen song. He is also an important leader in the production of the music we deliver.

Our pounding drums are kept fresh and tight by Billy Davies – the HFT original founding percussion genius that evokes Alex Van Halen's skin-bashing with an authenticity you can see and feel. From the classic intro to the band's theme song, "Hot For Teacher" to the iconic "Ain't Talkin' 'bout Love" – including the melodic Hagar era hits such as "Finish What Ya Started".

No other Van Halen tribute performs the technically complex music of Van Halen better than HOT FOR TEACHER, perhaps that's why HFT has also been joined onstage by other rock legends Michael Anthony (VH), David "Bro" Lauser (Sammy Hagar and the Wabos), Billy Sheehan (DLR Band, Mr. Big, Winery Dogs), Pat Travers, Brad Gillis (Ozzy, Night Ranger), Joel Hoekstra (Whitesnake, Night Ranger & Cher), and Joey Alves (Y&T), and has shared the evening's stage with many greats including Y&T, Night Ranger, Tesla, Steve Lukather (Toto), Joe Satriani (Chickenfoot), Eric Martin (Mr. Big), Richie Kotzen (Winery Dogs), Greg Howe (Michael Jackson) Peter Frampton, Lou Graham (Foreigner), The Guess Who, Asia, Dennis DeYoung (Styx), Nazareth, Great White, Carlos Cavazo (Quiet Riot), Jimmi Bain (Dio), Blues Traveler, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Chas West (Bonham/Lynch Mob), Josh Ramos (Hardline, The Storm) and countless others!

When HOT FOR TEACHER was invited to perform for Michael Anthony's bass guitar dedication at San Francisco's Hard Rock Cafe in 2003, the already frenzied crowd was pushed into sheer delirium when the mighty bassist stepped on stage with HOT FOR TEACHER and ripped through a white-hot set featuring "Unchained", "Dance the Night Away", "Panama" and countless other Van Halen hits. The band even performed VH II's "Women In Love" in which afterwards Anthony jovially exclaimed, "Man, I haven't done that song in twenty years [1983]!"

HOT FOR TEACHER was featured in the book, "Everybody Wants Some, the Van Halen Saga" by Ian Christie, FHM magazine, The Contra Costa Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, The San Jose Mercury News, and other related papers. In 2008, HFT was voted Best Tribute Band in the SF Bay area by the East Bay Express and became the first tribute ever invited to perform at the prestigious NAMM Show (the National Association of Music Merchants in Anaheim, CA) and is now often an annual part of the event. "Some people go to the party, we ARE the party!"

In 2014, HFT performed a benefit for the wife of Sammy Hagar's Wabo drummer, David Lauser, aptly named "Liza 2.0". The band played a full Red Rocker Experience set with David that included Brad Gillis and Josh Ramos on stage.

HOT FOR TEACHER also appears on local performance market television programming including Comcast's CC Rocks and Reality Check as well as a variety of television advertising commercials. HFT is also a regular on radio stations such as San Francisco's 107.7 "The Bone", San Jose's 98.5 KFOX, and Los Angeles' KLOS 95.5 (on the syndicated Mark and Brian Show), and in a multitude of other rock radio markets spanning America from Virginia Beach to the beaches of Hawaii.

So, if one helluva good 'ole time is what you're after, then you ought to come out, shake it, "Jump", and "Dance the Night Away" to experience the "Best of Both Worlds" with HOT FOR TEACHER, the Van Halen Experience!

*Band Note: In 2007, former HFT guitarist Terry Lauderdale who co-founded the band with Randy in 1999, handed over guitar duties to Jude Gold, current guitarist for Jefferson Starship when he stepped down to record and tour Europe with heavy metal powerhouse Heathen and then pursue his own original projects. Jude Gold spent 5 years with HFT from 2007-2012 and at the helm as the Director of the Guitar Institute of Technology (GIT), part of Hollywood's Musician's Institute (MI). In 2014, Jude was tapped to "tour the World" with the legendary Jefferson Starship. Gold is also known for his strong writing abilities as the Los Angeles Editor of Guitar Player magazine, and for touring and recording with BX3, the band in which he played lead guitar for the absolutely over-the-top, rock and jazz star bassists Billy Sheehan (David Lee Roth & Mr. Big), Stu Hamm (Joe Satriani), and Jeff Berlin (Allan Holdsworth – a one-time mentor to EVH) with John Mader (Hamilton) on drums. Jude has also been featured with famed Broadway actress/singer Kristin Chenoweth on The Tonight Show, Jimmy Kimmel, and Piers Morgan. When Jude moved on, Terry rejoined HFT in 2013 and handled the lead the guitar duties through 2018.

Also, highly versatile and former HFT bassist Aaron Leigh 2007-2008, who was once selected by Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne to join Ozzy, before Geezer called for his job back. In 2016, Aaron joined Dave Meneketti in California's iconic Y&T.