



## Atlanta's Top Ten Cover Bands: 700 South



(l-r) Bill Weiland (drums), Casey Williams (bass/vocals), Lisa Weiland (lead vocals), Reed Schwallie (guitar/vocals)

I would be remiss if I didn't disclose that I am pretty close friends with all of the members of 700 South. However, those friendships were born out of my absolute respect and love for their individual musical talents, abilities and the fact that they are just one kick ass band as a whole! I was simply a fan of theirs for many years before getting to know them personally. So, having done the necessary "confession"...it is with unbiased and absolute certainty that 700 South is one of Atlanta's Top Ten Cover Bands.

700 South was founded by husband and wife, Bill and Lisa Weiland. Bill is one of those drummers that can play just about anything, and play it well. He can knock out some tunes that most other drummers wouldn't even attempt to cover. Close your eyes during Rush's "Spirit of Radio" and you'll swear Neil Peart is in the room. Lead Singer, Lisa is a powerhouse performer that has one of those sexy, sultry voices that makes you just want to get up and move to the beat! Casey Williams is a bass master that also has fantastic vocals on backup and lead ("Mr. Brownstone" by GNR is amazing). He is the marketing/promotion force behind the band, and if he ever got tired of playing, could be one helluva Manager or Booker. The foursome is rounded out by Reed Schwallie on lead guitar. Reed is a musician's musician, and can play just about anything with strings. He has an amazing voice as well, and sings lead on many of their staple songs, but I personally love it when he's singing some Beatles!

The band has been together for over six years, and although they are about as musically tight as four people can be, they still practice religiously every week. It shows in the consistency and diversity that

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they always bring to the stage. Their set list is well over 200 songs, and always growing. No matter how many times I see them, they always manage to surprise me with something new. Just when you think you've got them pegged as a one thing - BAM! - they throw out some Jackson 5 "ABC" or Violent Femmes, "Blister In The Sun", so don't get too comfortable kids. This is one band that knows how to pack the house and keep the party going...all night long!


All four members have been musicians since childhood, and have individually (or with former bands) been signed to major record labels in the past. The decades of musical experience that each brings to the group make for an eclectic funky mix that ranges from hard-core rock n'roll to country and all points in between. Their fan base is enormous, and it's not unusual to see people that come from all over Georgia (as well as other States) to catch them playing. You can be sure that if 700 South is in the house, it's gonna be a great night of music! If any cover bands out there want to know how to get and keep fans, they need to take notes from 700 South. They are booked solidly and venue owners vie to get on them in their clubs because it's a slam-dunk packed house.

Check them out:

- Friday September 18 - Bogeys - 9:00 PM Woodstock, GA (I'll be there); or
- Friday September 25th - The Dam Bar - 9:30 PM Buford, GA
- Saturday September 26th - The Dam Bar - 9:30 PM Buford, GA

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 [JJ Fontaine](#) Says:  
September 16th, 2009 at 3:31 pm

Congrats Reed and Crew!! I've seen 700 South a few times and they always entertain, I mean, Spirit of the Radio? Now that's not something you hear from just any band!!

JJ Fontaine  
Majik Water/Lead Guitar

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