



**JOHN PAIVA (Guitar, Vocals)** John, who was raised in Rhode Island and New York, was exposed to music at an early age. His father, an amateur musician, performed locally with friends and when John started playing the guitar at the age of 14, he often joined his father and entertained at weddings and other small gatherings. When he was 17, John went into the Navy for four years. After his discharge, John joined a group called Cal Ray and the Classaires. They had a local hit called "Lovely Lies." Everett Miles picked up the group and John spent five years performing in a nine-piece show band. He then formed his own group called "The Time Machine." They were playing at the Mill Hill Club in Cape Cod at the same time that Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons were at the Melody Tent. Frankie heard John perform and asked if John would like to join The Four Seasons. His first professional experience with the group was at the Melody Tent in 1962.