

# WIND WOOD

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## NORTHEAST OHIO'S PREMIER DUO

Extremely versatile Northern Ohio-based WindWood is comprised of Matt Traum on the EVI wind controller and Dave Tipton on the Chapman Stick. WindWood is perfect for cocktail parties, small clubs, wedding reception pre-entertainment, restaurants, in-home dinner parties, outdoor festivals- anywhere quality live background music is needed. WindWood can provide that tasteful touch of elegance to your event.

### **About WindWood**

WindWood is extremely versatile. WindWood plays a variety of music including the classic jazz standards as well as newer smooth jazz and pop favorites performed in a contemporary jazzy style. The repertoire includes songs by the Beatles, Billy Joel, Elton John, George Benson, and others performed in their own unique style. WindWood also plays a variety of classic Americana music and folk songs, as well as dynamic original music and improvisations. WindWood can be found performing in clubs, corporate functions, private parties, and various social functions both locally and nationally. The extremely wide tonal variety of Matt Traum's wind controller instrument offers a much more enjoyable and interesting experience for the listener. Dave Tipton's unique Chapman Stick sounds and performances are both mesmerizing and beautiful. WindWood is tasteful and sophisticated, yet always soulful and exciting. Savor the sound of WindWood!

### **What Are Those Guys Playing?**

We like to think of it as music... but the instruments that make up the group WindWood are rather unusual. Since most folks have never seen these instruments, here is a brief introduction.

#### **"The Wind" : The EVI**

Matt Traum is playing the "Wind" instrument- the EVI (Electronic Valve Instrument). It can be thought of as an "electronic trumpet". It is played much like an acoustic trumpet yet it can sound like anything. This rarely seen instrument was invented by Nyle Steiner and, to the surprise of most people, has been around in various forms since the early 1970s. The EVI and its woodwind equivalent- the EWI- have been used extensively in studios and in movie and TV soundtracks for decades. Though you may not have SEEN it, you have most certainly heard it numerous times.



The EVI doesn't make any sound itself, rather it controls sounds stored in synthesizers. These synthesizers can sound like a sax, a trumpet, a complete big band, a harmonica, a guitar, a

synthesizer, a dog barking- ANY sound. These sounds actually respond to Matt's playing nuances as translated by the EVI. This includes breath pressure and tonguing, vibrato, pitch bends, etc. The resulting sounds are brighter or darker, louder or softer, just like an acoustic instrument. Matt utilizes physical modeling synthesis technology as found in Yamaha's VL70-m which "sculpts" a model of a real instrument inside the synthesizer's computer. This virtual instrument model actually responds to Matt's input the way the actual physical instrument would. Want to know more about wind controllers? Visit:

[www.patchmanmusic.com/WindControllerLinks](http://www.patchmanmusic.com/WindControllerLinks)

#### **"The Wood" : The Stick®**

Dave Tipton is playing the "Wood" instrument- The Chapman Stick. "The Stick", as it is often referred to, is a unique electric stringed instrument. Making music on The Stick is accomplished by tapping on the strings with both hands. Created by Emmett Chapman in 1969 to facilitate his newly discovered playing technique, The Stick is now used by thousands of players around the world. The traditional method of playing stringed instruments requires one hand to select the strings (notes) to be played. The other hand then strums, plucks, picks, or bows the strings to sound them. In other words, it takes two hands to play a single note. On The Stick both hands tap the strings independently allowing you to play notes with both hands and create multi-part arrangements like a pianist. A member of the electric guitar and bass family of instruments, The Stick is a two-handed stringed instrument utilizing a percussive tapping technique - bringing guitar, bass, and piano together on a single instrument. For more information on the Chapman Stick visit Stick Enterprises on the web at:



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