

THE MOONRISE CARTEL

FOLK ROCK FROM BLACK ROCK



Winner: New England Music Awards – 2025 Rising Stars of Connecticut

The Moonrise Cartel is an original American folk-rock band blending folk, indie rock, and Americana — with a touch of gospel. The band features soaring harmonies, introspective lyrics, and a vintage sound profile balanced by a modern touch, making their music equal parts timeless and for the time.

Their rapidly growing fanbase (known as Cartel Members) now coins their sound:

"Folk Rock from Black Rock."

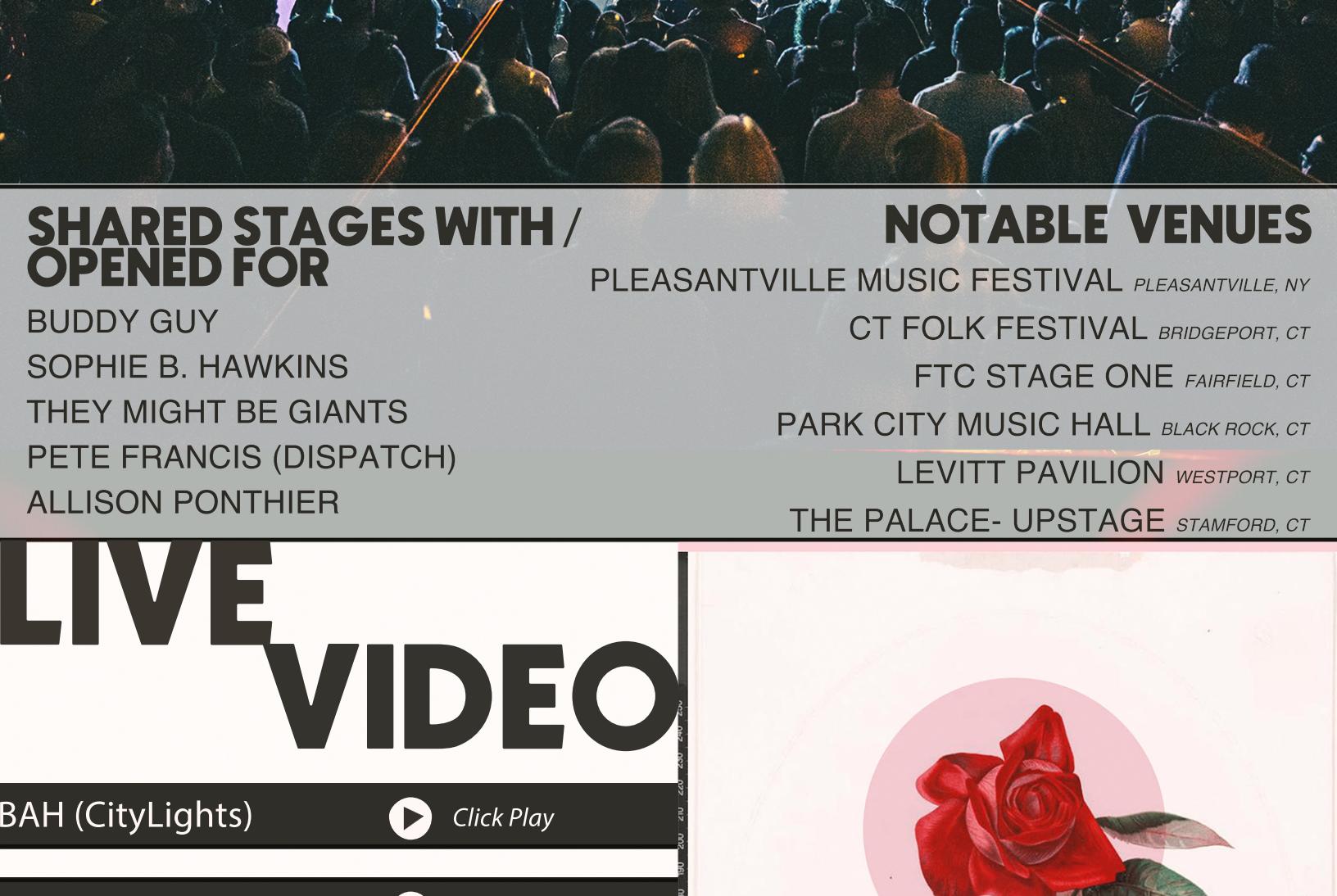
BIO

Fueled by songwriter Al Pascarelli's deeply personal reflections on a lifelong battle with mental illness, alcoholism, and his eventual emergence from the darker shades of the human experience, this is a band with multiple gears — one that takes you on a powerful journey.

His voice is paired upfront with Stephanie Harrison, who wows with striking vocal prowess, effortlessly shifting between stunning power and heartbreakingly delicate delivery.

Multi-instrumentalist Jason Polise provides a sonic feast of electric guitar, saxophone, keys, and more — offering texture and range that elevate each performance.

It's all held together by the rock-solid rhythm section of Benj LeFevre (bass) and Steve Tobey (drums), grounding the band with groove, drive, and depth.



SHARED STAGES WITH / OPENED FOR

BUDDY GUY
SOPHIE B. HAWKINS
THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS
PETE FRANCIS (DISPATCH)
ALLISON PONTHIER

NOTABLE VENUES

PLEASANTVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL PLEASANTVILLE, NY

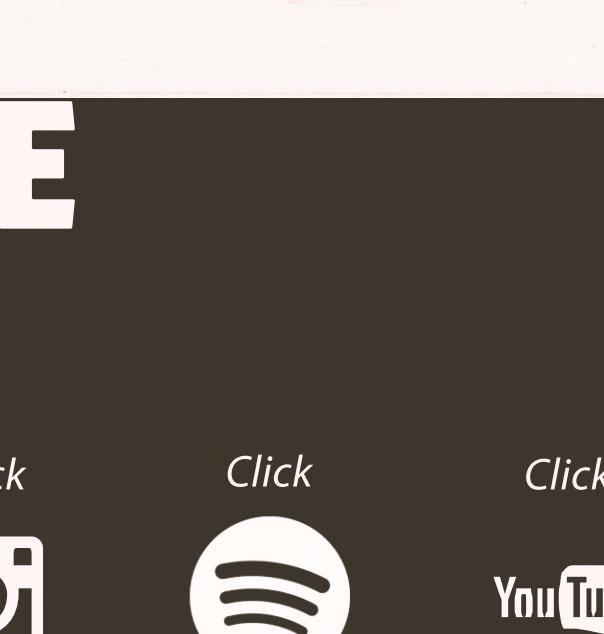
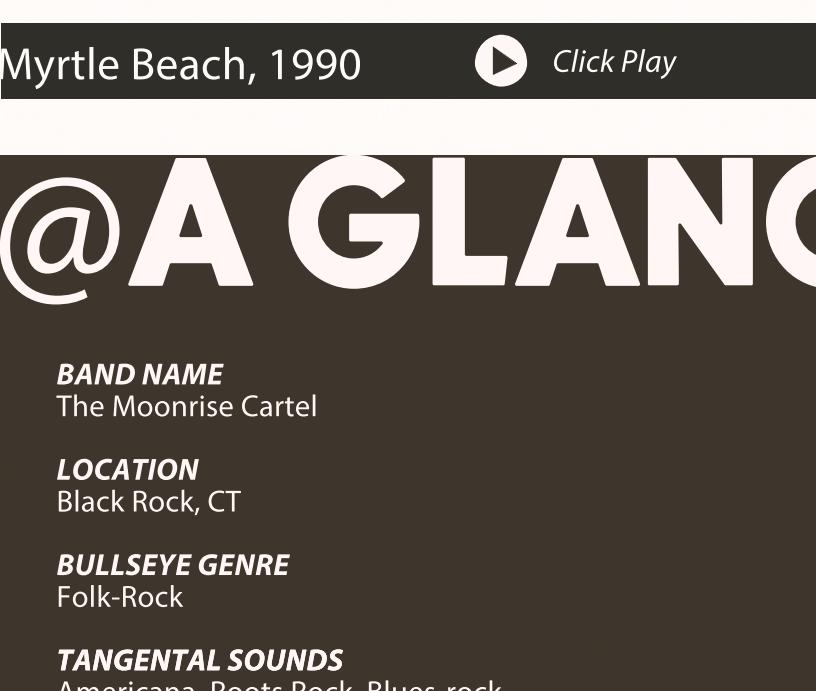
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FTC STAGE ONE FAIRFIELD, CT

PARK CITY MUSIC HALL BLACK ROCK, CT

LEVITT PAVILION WESTPORT, CT

THE PALACE- UPSTAGE STAMFORD, CT



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BAND NAME

The Moonrise Cartel

LOCATION

Black Rock, CT

BULLSEYE GENRE

Folk-Rock

TANGENTIAL SOUNDS

Americana, Roots Rock, Blues-rock

MEMBERS

Al Pascarelli - Guitar, Vocals, Songwriter
Stephanie Harrison- Vocals

Jason Polise- Electric/Keys/Sax+

Benji LeFevre - Bass

Steve Tobey - Drums

PERFORMANCE STYLE

Impressive lead female and male vocals

Sweeping lead harmonies

Melodic, Nostalgic, Big moments

Upbeat, driving anthems to low-tempo ballads

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