

GUITAR MIKEY FACT SHEET

Name: Michael 'Guitar Mikey' McMillan

Birth Date: August 8th

Birth Place: Hamilton, Ontario Canada

Instruments you play: guitar, upright bass, mandolin, banjo and alto sax

How did you get the nickname *Guitar Mikey*? In the early 80's, I was performing the Johnny 'Guitar' Watson classic *Gangster of Love*. There's a line in the song that goes, "The sheriff says, is you Guitar Watson..." I changed it to 'Guitar Mikey' to make it fit in the song and it stuck since then.

If you were trapped on an island, what 5 albums would be on your iPod: The Muddy Waters Box Set, The Robert Johnson Box Set, Deep Purple's *Machine Head*, In Yo' Face: History of Funk and Five Blind Boys Specialty Recordings

Favorite Book: *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand

Movie: *Philadelphia Story* with Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn and James Stewart

Favorite Actor: Gary Oldman (English actor who played James Gordon in *The Dark Knight Rises* & *The Dark Knight*, played Sirius Black in the *Harry Potter* films, etc).

Favorite TV show: HBO satirical television sitcom, *Larry Sanders*

Favorite Food: Lobster

What's your secret talent: Painting and visual art

Favorite sport: Tennis

What do you do in your spare time: I am so busy, that I really don't have much spare time. I force it on myself by booking trips to either scuba dive or ski.

What drives you to be an entertainer: There is a magic that happens between a performer and an audience where it feels like we have an equal part in making the performance come alive. It's almost like we can read each other's minds.

Words to live by: "Do deeds. Pull weeds and sow seeds."