

THE SKELETON KREWE TRIO - ROB BARRACO, BARRY SLESS & STEPHEN INGLIS

The worlds of Hawaiian slack key guitar, psychedelic pedal steel, and masterful keyboard work converge as three virtuosos of the jam band scene announce the formation of Skeleton Krewe Trio. Born from a serendipitous collaboration in early 2024, this unique musical collective features Rob Barraco (Dark Star Orchestra, Phil Lesh & Friends, The Dead), Barry Sless (Bobby Weir and Wolf Bros, David Nelson Band, Phil Lesh and Friends), and Grammy-nominated Hawaiian slack key guitarist Stephen Inglis.

The group's formation traces back to January 2024, when Sless and Inglis first joined forces for what was meant to be a one-off performance. The chemistry was immediate and undeniable. The duo's successful California shows caught the attention of keyboard virtuoso Rob Barraco, who joined forces with Inglis during a Dark Star Orchestra show at the Hawaii Theatre in April 2024. The natural musical connection between all three players led to the formation of Skeleton Krewe Trio.

This groundbreaking collaboration brings together three distinct musical traditions: Inglis's mastery of Hawaiian slack key guitar (he's a recipient of the prestigious Ki Hō'alu Legacy Award), Sless's pioneering pedal steel work that has graced stages with Bob Weir and Phil Lesh, and Barraco's sophisticated keyboard artistry that earned him a place in The Dead's lineup. An experience that preceded nearly two decades holding the keyboardist chameleon role within Dark Star Orchestra.

Each performance, Skeleton Krewe Trio promises to offer high level artistry hosting an intimate evening of original compositions (many co-written by Robert Hunter and Barraco), Grateful Dead interpretations, and dynamic improvisations that span genres from traditional Hawaiian to psychedelic Americana.