



# mellotrön\_

**Mellotrön is coming. You have been warned.**

**Tony Piccoli** – Vocals, Guitar

**Pat DeLeon** - Drums

**Pete Hoppersberger** - Keyboards, vocals

**Bryan Paxton** - Bass, Vocals

**Scott Thompson** - Guitar, Vocals

**Mellotrön** is the brainchild of Detroit-based guitarist, vocalist and metal innovator **Tony Piccoli**. Influenced by the raw power of bands such as **Strapping Young Lad**, **Meshuggah** and **Pantera**, as well as the disciplined complexities of progressive groups like **Dream Theater** and **Genesis**, **Piccoli** set out to change the face of metal. His blend of crushing guitars, ethereal overtones, a combination of vocal styles and wonderful melody are wrapped in subtly complex time

signatures, skull-crushing guitar riffs, and melodic hooks so memorable that you will need surgery to get these songs out of your head.

After playing in several bands while living in Arizona in the 90's, **Piccoli** moved back to his hometown of **Detroit, Michigan**. He began writing songs that would become the blueprint for **Mellotrön's** sound. After years of writing the music and working on perfecting the sound, **Piccoli** hooked up with local musicians to record two demo discs titled *The Umlaut Speaks & The Umlaut Doth Spake* which **Piccoli** himself says both are "fucking certified."

In 2007 **Mellotrön** made the leap from a recording project to a fully fledged live band. Joining **Piccoli** is a veritable super group of **Detroit** area progressive and metal artists. First to sign on was former **Tiles** drummer **Pat DeLeon** who has recorded with **Tiles** on the **Magna Carta** and **InsideOut** music labels and well as touring Europe as the opening act for **Dream Theater**.

Solidifying the rhythm section is **Bryan Paxton**, who is a brutal metal force in his own right playing with Detroit metal bands **JustDefy** and **Miles Beyond**. Next to sign on was keyboardist/vocalist **Pete Hoppersberger** from the **Detroit** progressive rock group **Space Nelson**. **Pete's** musical knowledge and pure talent takes the **Mellotrön** sound to the next level. Rounding out the lineup is guitarist/vocalist and all around musical chameleon **Scott Thompson**. **Scott** has played numerous instruments in numerous Michigan groups as well as being an established solo artist.

**Mellotrön's** live sound is a solidly dynamic onslaught designed to please everyone — from the hardest of hardcore metal-heads to the finicky ears of the progressive rock crowd — all while being easily accessible to the casual listener. **Mellotrön's** live performance is a high energy yet disciplined assault that comes off as both brutal and lighthearted like the music itself. **Mellotrön** is coming. You have been warned.

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