

Leland Waddell. Percussion

Leland was born on Valentines day in 1946 to the well known musical family of "Waddell" in Williston, South Carolina, and whose father Royce Leland Waddell, Sr. worked professionally in the days of Live Radio as the bass singer in a quartet consisting of "Daddy" Waddells four brothers. Along with Leland's little brother David, they have spawned a musical career lasting over fifty years and counting. Leland started playing drums when he was thirteen, and by the age of sixteen was working regularly with a local band called "The Jadoes" in the many night clubs in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Working in local bands six nights a week, trying to go to school and along with his athletic abilities playing football and track events, where even today Leland holds the High Jump record at his High School , he was a very busy teenager. He also got into drag racing in the BStock class.

Then the war in Vietnam came and Leland joined the Navy. After the military he returned to Myrtle Beach and resumed playing drums for a living, and through his bass-player, now famous songwriter, Hoy "Bucky" Lindsey, they moved to Nashville and stayed, this was 1972.

Before long, Leland was working with T.G. Sheppard, Mel Mc Daniel, Connie Smith , J. D .Sumner and the Stamps and was staff drummer on the Grand Ol' Opry. He played in the Bobby Charles Band with Spooner Oldham, Dan Penn and Bucky Lindsey. Leland toured with on Everly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Richard Dobsons and Steve Earle. In 1975, his brother David moved to Nashville and as a team worked with Pat Mclaughlin and Billy Joe Shaver and all the struggling songwriters walking up and down Music Row. He was asked by Johnny Cash to go on the road with him but Leland was already the dedicated drummer with songwriter Billy Joe Shaver dow. Brother David ended up in Austin and in 1985 Leland joined him there, again as a team. (See Davids bio)

After the Calvin Russell years Leland semi-retired from the road to raise his two children and started racing cars as a hobby which went beyond that to becoming a professional Race Car driver, now for 24 years, four Championship wins and over 200 first place trophies in the Texas Stock Car Oval Track Racing series he's been descriobed as a very "Fast driver" with "nerves of steel".

He also played on David's "Last one to Know" & "Truck Broke Down" albums.

When His Brother David was elected to produce the new Claudia Zimmermann CD , the frst person David called was Leland to fly over for the special recording and play some concerts with David Waddell & Hellbound Train