



# Musicians of the Midnight Sun

Thank you for visiting the Musicians of the Midnight Sun website. Even though these blogs are being posted many weeks after the launch of the Musicians of the Midnight Sun website, my hope is that they will remain as a document along with the website itself with the intention to give a little bit more of a personal story of my relationships with these featured artists.

## Kevin Mackie:

I've never played in a band with Kevin, maybe hit a few jam stages together over the years. Kevin was one of those guys that was always behind the drum kit in the local bands I saw and heard as a boy before I even started playing. After that, he was the rock solid drummer with Dave and Sherry Sveinsson, he and Sherry always in the pocket, laying down the groove for Dave's smooth voice and tasteful guitar playing. More recently, Kevin and I would get into discussions on song writing as he had a bunch of lyrics he had written over the years and wanted to make them into songs. I was really happy to see his music video and produced single, "Momma's gone a Drinkin'" come out a few years back. It was good to see his dream come true.



L-R, Kevin Mackie, Sherry and Dave Sveinsson, Gold Range, Yellowknife (photo © Norbert Poitras)

I really appreciate Kevin because he is one who treats the other local musicians as brothers who have grown up in the same place, with the same people, played and partied at the same halls and bars, fought the same fights, struggled the same struggles. Even if not active on the local scene, they are as much a fervent fan of music made by the local musicians today as they were in their early years as young musicians themselves.



Kevin Mackie, Yellowknife, 1970 (photo © Kevin Mackie)

I also appreciate Kevin for his no bullshit attitude, he calls it like he sees it and will be the first one to call himself out on his own. His was one of the most forthright interviews I have heard. The sacrifice, passion and commitment he gave and continues to give to his family and to his job, is the same as he brings to his music.