

THE KISS FAMILY TREE: MARK ST. JOHN

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TEACHING



DALI (1984)

Mark St. John
Guitar

David Donato
Vocals

JR Saenz
Drums

Glenn Hughes
Bass

Short-lived project that Mark joined to replace Neil Citron. The band had recorded demos with producer Andy Johns, resulting in Donato's recruitment in Sabbath.



KISS (April – Dec. 1984)



WHITE TIGER (Oct. 1985 – 1988)

Mark St. John
Guitar

Michael Norton
Bass

Brian James Fox
Drums

David Donato
Vocals

Mark didn't waste much time after leaving KISS before getting his own band together. Recruiting his brother on bass, former Black Sabbath vocalist David Donato (briefly in the Spring of 1984), and unknown Brian Fox, the group release one album on EMC records, selling an excellent 50,000 copies without any promotion, before the band split while working on demos for a second album.



Brian James Fox joins Silent Rage which is signed to Simmons Records in 1989.



THE KEEP #2 (1989)

Peter Criss
Drums/Vocals

Mark St. John
Guitars

Jim Barnes
Bass

Michael McDonald
Vocals

Allegedly – it is not clear if the lineup was ever an 'actual' band or a phantom proposed lineup. Michael McDonald was an alias David Donato used to deflect attention from the Sabbath past...



TREE / THE KEEP #3 (Jan. 1990 – 1991)

Peter Criss
Drums/Vocals

Mark St. John
Guitars

Michael Norton
Bass

Michael McDonald
Vocals

The Keep (note: it really didn't have a proper name) was a short lived but incredibly cool project that featured two ex-KISS members, along with Mark's brother Michael who had been with him in White Tiger. Demos were cut at Sound City Recording Studios, but unfortunately the tapes got rejected by all the labels they were submitted to... This lineup would perform live just once, on May 2, 1990 at a drum clinic at Guitar Center music store in Lawndale, CA.



SESSION WORK (1991)

Mark would record with Christian rocker, and KISS co-writer, Ken Tamplin on one song on Ken's "...And Friends" album "An Axe To Grind".



TEACHING (1991-1999)



MARK ST. JOHN PROJECT (1999)

Mark St. John
Guitar

Phil Naro
Vocals

Stan Miczek
Bass

Roger Banks
Drums

Not so much a band but a studio lineup used to record Mark's solo EP with Phil soon returning to work on his own projects. Roger and Stan work with Phil, and Mark would occasionally jam with Phil.