



## *Eastbound Duo*

**Early McCall** - guitar and vocals

**Ray Hetchka**- bass and vocals

Early began playing the guitar in college, along with other students, for fun and to break up study. "I was in forestry school, so we played lots of bluegrass and folk music". After moving to Fernandina Beach in 1977, he started playing for church at St. Peter's and renewal weekends. He began playing with friends at jam sessions for fun and soon found himself playing solo at restaurants. Most of his music is classic rock and

country with some old and new tunes. Early has played many of the restaurants in Fernandina and occasionally plays at venues in Jacksonville. He also enjoys playing for all kinds of private parties and social events including those at The Ritz and Amelia Island Plantation.

Ray likes to say he was "Made in New Jersey!" growing up in busy Passaic. It was the 60's and the "British Invasion" brought groups like the Beatles, Dave Clark Five and The Rolling Stones. It was a time when R&R, R&B, and soul were getting traction. Ray put down his trumpet, picked up the bass and never looked back. Growing up in a diverse urban environment brought exposure to all kinds of musical styles and ethnic traditions. Being fluent in funk, jazz, rock, blues, folk, weddings, polka, Latin, Italian, and Greek meant being ready for gigs (eating) when they called. After a 25-year hiatus, a chance meeting and short conversation brought Ray out of musical retirement and into gigs with Early and other FL bands. Rekindling a musical passion that while dormant for a while, never really disappeared!

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