

# Sheila E.

Sheila Escovedo picked up the drumsticks and started making music at the precocious age of three. Sheila delivered her first solo performance to a live audience two years later and has since established herself as one of the most talented percussionist/drummers and performers in the world. Best known to music fans as Sheila E., she became a top session and touring musician before the age of 20, performing and/or recording with George Duke, Herbie Hancock, Billy Cobham, Con Funk Shun, Marvin Gaye (on his final world tour), Diana Ross, Lionel Richie, Gloria Estefan, Patti LaBelle, and Steve Nicks among others.

In the 1980's, Sheila's collaboration with the artist Prince helped to catapult her to her own pop superstardom. Her obvious talent and hits like, "The Glamorous Life" and "Love Bizarre," in conjunction with her pivotal work on other Prince-related projects, contributed to her international stardom. Particularly proud moments during this period include her participation in the 1985 "We Are The World" session, Grammy, American Music Awards and MTV nominations, worldwide sold-out performances, and the memorable performance on The Oscars with virtuoso Placido Domingo,

In 1998 Sheila E. made history becoming television's first female musical director for Magic Johnson's "The Magic Hour." Future television show engagements would include being a celebrity judge on Fox's "The Next Great American Band" in 2007-2008, and being chosen as the winner of "Gone Country 3" in 2009, on CMT. In recognition of drumming and percussion, Sheila designed the "ClassE" Custom Series for adults, and the "Sheila E.'s Player Series," for children, with renowned TOCA Percussions, distributed by Kaman Music.

In recent years, Sheila E. has served as drummer of Ringo Starr All Star Band, musical director for the likes of Jennifer Lopez, Beyonce' Knowles, and Prince. Her producing, arranging, and performance talents have been showcased on the Latin Grammy Awards, Summer Olympics, WOW Awards, ALMA's, The Image Awards and the 2012 Academy Awards. In 2010 Sheila was nominated for an Emmy Award for "Outstanding Music Direction" in recognition for her leadership as musical director for President Obama's *Performance at The White House: Fiesta Latina*. Her recent projects, *The E Family*, *Pete Escovedo Live at Stern Grove Festival* with her father Pete Escovedo, and brothers Juan and Peter Michael Escovedo, *Sheila E. Live from Lugano Switzerland* along with *Silk Road* from the group Heavense hailing from Japan, have been very well received and are receiving airplay and appreciation nationwide.

Despite Sheila's commitment to, and the demands of making music, she maintains a heavy involvement in charitable endeavors as a philanthropist through her being co-founder & chair of the Elevate Hope Foundation; focusing on the needs of victims of child abuse, by promoting music and the arts as an alternative form of therapy. Future projects for Sheila E. include: CEO of her Entertainment Company StilettoFlats Inc., the release of her next solo album, a literary biography to be released in 2014, ventures in television production and content development, worldwide ministry, and motivational speaking. Sheila E. continues to inspire and looks forward to all that the future has to offer.

