

## Escovedo Family Bios

**Pete Escovedo** (Pops) has had a fruitful career as a percussionist with three years in Santana, founder of Azteca, a cooperative 14-piece Latin big band, and the father of pop star Sheila E. The master percussionist's music seamlessly flows between Latin jazz, salsa, funk and R&B styles. This incredible ensemble features Juan and Peter Michael Escovedo along with a mix of musicians from both Los Angeles and the Bay Area. After several decades, Pete Escovedo has become an internationally recognized percussionist, nominated for two Grammy Awards and hailed as a percussion master. He is recognized by some of the greatest artists of our time and has had the opportunity to collaborate and share the stage with musical stars like Prince, Herbie Hancock, The Temptations and Stevie Wonder.

**Sheila E.** was born into a rich heritage of Latin music in Oakland, California. She picked up drumsticks and started making music at the precocious age of three while watching her father, legendary percussionist Pete Escovedo, rehearse for his gigs with Tito Puente and Carlos Santana. She and her two younger brothers and sister grew up in a close-knit artistic family where it wasn't uncommon for the top musicians of the day to jam in their small apartment until the early morning hours. And if they often struggled to make ends meet, they were rich in love and family unity. She began her career in the mid-1970s as a percussionist and singer for The George Duke Band. After leaving the group in 1983, Sheila began a successful solo career, starting with her critically acclaimed debut album, which included the career-defining song, "The Glamorous Life". She became a mainstream solo star in 1985 following the success of the singles, "The Belle of St. Mark", "Sister Fate", and "A Love Bizarre" with the last becoming one of her signature songs. She is commonly referred to as The Queen of Percussion.

**Juan Escovedo** has toured, performed, and recorded with many artists, including Prince, Tony Toni Tone, Patti LaBelle, Amerie, Chingy, Jody Watley, Lou Bega, MC Hammer, Lionel Richie, En Vogue, El DeBarge, Freddie Hubbard, Barry White, Herbie Hancock, Teri Lynn Carrington, Bobby McFerrin, Tito Puente, Cheryl Lynn, Raphael Saadiq, Bobby Womack, his sister Sheila E., and his father, Pete Escovedo. Juan writes and records as a solo artist, and also tours with his father's Latin Jazz Orchestra, and with The E Family Band: his father, his brother Peter Michael Escovedo, and his sister Sheila E. The E Family's latest CD, "Now & Forever", features guest artists Prince, George Duke, Raphael Saadiq, Gloria Estefan, Joss Stone, Israel Houghton, and Earth, Wind & Fire, and includes three songs co-written and produced by Juan.

**Peter Michael Escovedo III**, Two time Emmy nominated Producer and Musical Director has earned recognition not only as a percussionist, but a producer, director, singer, songwriter, and television personality. Peter Michael (named after his father, percussionist and original member of Santana...Pete Escovedo) has contributed in countless world tours, recordings and television production. He's created, directed, and produced television shows, written music for film, theme songs for television, composed, arranged, and produced music for various artists.