

THE KISS FAMILY TREE: ERIC SINGER

THE AXE (c1971)

Eric's first band, while in sixth grade. The band lacked a singer, but played plenty of Sabbath.



THE JOHN MENSINGER BAND (1972 – 1982)



TASKMASTER



POP OPERA/BEAU COUP (c. 1982/3)

Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	William March <i>Bass</i>	Mike McGill <i>Guitar</i>	Dennis Lewin <i>Keyboards</i>	Frank Amato <i>Vocals</i>
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This band recorded demos at Agency Recording Studio upstairs of The Cleveland Agora and also played the venue. The band, after Eric's departure, signed a deal with Amherst-A&M Records releasing their debut EP in 1984. Frank's brother Tommy also sang with the band.



ICEBREAKER (1983)

Eric's first band after relocating to Los Angeles.



PLAYBOY'S WOMEN IN ROCK (1984)

Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	Kurt James <i>Guitar</i>	Ray Marzano <i>Bass</i>	? <i>Vocals</i>
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This was a pseudo-band assembled specifically for the filming of the Playboy "Women In Rock" video. It's not currently known whether there was a specific vocalist. However, as a result of this liaison with Ray Marzano, Eric found out that Lita Ford was looking for a drummer. Eric also found time to appear in an Olivia Newton John music video...



LITA FORD (May '84 – Jan. '85)

Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	Lita Ford <i>Guitar/Vocals</i>	Gordon Copley <i>Bass</i>	Bobby Dareti <i>Guitar</i>
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For touring purposes. Eric was hooked up with Lita after Randy Castillo left the group to join Ozzy Osborne.



Tony Iommi <i>Guitar</i>	Gordon Copley <i>Bass</i>	Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	Geoff Nichols <i>Keyboards</i>
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Originally starting out as Tony's solo project following the demise of Black Sabbath...



Gordon returns to the Lita Ford Band when she goes back on the road to Tour.



BLACK SABBATH #8 (Summer 1985 – Mar. '86)

Tony Iommi <i>Guitar</i>	Dave Spitz <i>Bass</i>	Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	Glen Hughes <i>Vocals</i>
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The proper studio band that would record and tour in support of Black Sabbath Featuring Tony Iommi's Seventh Star. Glen Hughes would be fired on March 26, 1986 for being unable to properly sing Black Sabbath classics as a result of alleged substance abuse.



BLACK SABBATH #9 (Mar. '86 – Summer 1987)

Tony Iommi <i>Guitar</i>	Dave Spitz <i>Bass</i>	Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	Ray Gillen <i>Vocals</i>
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Ray Gillen was essentially hired straight out of a New Jersey bar band Rondinelli and made his live debut with Sabbath on March 29, 1986. He was, though, also a friend of Dave Spitz. Following the conclusion of the Seventh Star Tour, work begins on the Eternal Idol album, during the sessions Dave Spitz is fired and Ray Gillen quits. Dave is replaced by Bob Daisley and Ray is replaced by Tony Martin who had tried out for the band in 1986. Following the recording Eric leaves the band to tour with Gary Moore who producer Jeff Glixman had hooked him up with.



Blue Murder

GARY MOORE (Mar. '87 – Sept. '87)

Gary Moore <i>Lead Guitar/Vocals</i>	Bob Daisley <i>Bass</i>	Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	Neil Carter <i>Rhythm Guitar/Vocals</i>
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Live touring band for the incredible Gary Moore who was supporting his excellent "Wild Frontiers" album. Never big in the US, to their loss, Gary has a wide following in Europe and Asia, not only for his solo work, but sessions, and brief stints in Thin Lizzy. There is at least one bootleg album from this tour... Eric goes on to do some session work for Drive and The Cult...



BADLANDS (June '88 – Feb. '89)

Ray Gillen <i>Vocals</i>	Jake E. Lee <i>Guitar</i>	Eric Singer <i>Drums</i>	Greg Chaisson <i>Bass</i>
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A super-group of 80's stature with Ray and Eric being ex-Black Sabbath, Jake being ex-Ozzy Osborne, and Greg being ex-Steeler (a band that had included Yngwie J. Malmsteen). Eric didn't quit in Feb '89, he just did the Paul Stanley Solo tour while Badlands finished guitars and vocals on the album.



PAUL STANLEY SOLO BAND (Feb. '89 – Mar. '89)

Paul Stanley
R. Guitar/Vocals

Dennis St. James
Bass

Bob Kulick
Lead Guitar

Eric Singer
Drums

Gary Corbett
Keyboards

Included for continuity, this band was put together for Paul's 25+ date solo club tour which he undertook while KISS was in something of a hiatus. Gary Corbett was used by KISS on several studio albums in the 1980's, while Bob and Paul had been friends since the KISS guitarist auditions of 1973. Eric singer was hired on the strength of Bob Kulick's recommendation, while the rest of Badlands finished recording their album.



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Joe Lynn Turner

BADLANDS (Mar. '89 – Jan. '90)

At the end of the Badlands Tour Eric is fired from the band due to "personal differences"...



ALICE COOPER BAND (Jan. '90 – Oct. '90)

Alice Cooper
Vocals

Al Pitrelli
Guitar

Pete Friesen
Guitar

Eric Singer
Drums

Tom Cardonna
Bass

Derek Sherinan
Keyboards

Eric joins the Alice Cooper "Trash" tour after the European and Canadian leg of the Tour when then drummer Jonothan Mover departs the band.



SESSION WORK – KISS (Oct. '90 – June '91)



ALICE COOPER BAND (July '91 – Nov. '91)

Alice Cooper
Vocals

Vinnie Moore
Guitar

Stef Burns
Guitar

Eric Singer
Drums

Greg Smith
Bass

Derek Sherinan
Keyboards

Eric tours again with Alice for the "Hey Stupid" tour, but following the death of Eric Carr departs the band and is replaced by Jimmy Degrosso.



KISS (Oct. '91 – Aug. '96)



SESSION WORK (1996 –)



ERIC SINGER PROJECT (1998 – 2000)

Bruce Kulick
Guitar/Vocals

John Corabi
Guitar/Vocals

Karl Cochran
Bass/Vocals

Eric Singer
Drums/Vocals

Simply a side-project for all involved which would record one studio album of covers. The ESP band would perform live at several KISS expos. The lineup could also be somewhat flexible, though those mentioned here did appear together on the album...



ALICE COOPER (2000 –)



KISS #8 (Jan. '01 – Feb. '02)



KISS #9 (Feb. 2002 – Oct. '02)

Eric continues to play in a variety of forums, be it touring with Alice Cooper or making appearances with KISS. He also continues to do session work and other projects.



KISS #9 Again (March '04 –)



UNION #2 (January 2005)

Bruce Kulick
Guitars/Vocals

John Corabi
Vocals/Guitar

James Hunting
Bass/Vocals

Eric Singer
Drums

Eric covered on drums for the Japanese Tour...



ERIC SINGER PROJECT #2 (February 2006)

Bruce Kulick
Guitars/Vocals

John Corabi
Vocals/Guitar

Chuck Garric
Bass/Vocals

Eric Singer
Drums

Chuck joins the ESP line-up for Australian dates...

