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## BIOGRAPHY

Defern (formerly Parkway South) is an indie rock band based in Nashville, TN formed by Heather and Michael Defern. They describe their sound as "Modern Nostalgia". It's a rich blend of influences from pop, rock, blues, and California singer-songwriter with a dash of punk thrown in for a bit of spice.

Mike has been obsessed with guitar since he was very young. In high school he played Eric Johnson's blistering guitar instrumental Cliffs of Dover at a battle of the bands. He also played bari sax in the marching band. Later on he was in The Trumen, a Beatles tribute band, followed by years playing piano with a variety of wedding and club bands. Heather has been singing in church choirs since she was little (her mother and grandfather are preachers). She played the french horn/mellophone in high school and college band. After college, she spent nearly a decade fronting one of CT's top rock cover bands, Clearview, where she captivated audiences with her rendition of Me and Bobby McGee. Once she got a taste of that Janis Joplin love, she was hooked!

Mike & Heather picked up with their 3 kids and moved to Nashville in 2018 to start making connections and further develop their songwriting, playing "in the round" regularly at legendary places like the Bluebird and Douglas Corner Cafe. After emerging post-covid, they decided to change the band name to Defern ahead of their upcoming album. Heather says it's part of their "glow-up". Look for new music in 2023!

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Cafe Wha?, New York City
- The Knitting Factory, Brooklyn, NY
- Rockwood Music Hall, New York City
- Cafe Groove, New York City
- Norwalk Oyster Festival, Norwalk, CT
- Stella Blues, New Haven, CT
- Cafe 9, New Haven, CT
- The Bluebird Cafe, Nashville, TN

## RADIO PLAY

- NY Groove
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- WESU 88.1 FM
- WPKN 89.5 FM
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