

THE UPTOWN BAND

Bio



The exhilarating musical synergy the Award-Winning Uptown Band has created with audiences in their home region of the Northeast and beyond since 2006 continues to grow. Stirring up an explosive, melodic, and grooving mix of jazz, pop, rock, funk and R&B, The Uptown Band has headlined hundreds of shows and numerous charitable functions throughout the US. They have long supported and performed for the American Red Cross, the United Cerebral Palsy Association, the American Heart Association, Laney's Legacy of Hope, and the American Cancer Society, in which they have performed at several ACS walk events over the years. The Uptown Band has done shows as far West as California and Reno, where they played at John Ascuaga's Nugget on two occasions, as far South as Wellington, Florida and among countless other public and private functions, have played for 4-time Super Bowl Winner/Detroit Lions GM Matt Millen. They have opened for Jeff Dunham at the Luhrs Performing Arts Center in Shippensburg, PA and have performed at the legendary Milton Hershey School's Opening Assembly at the GIANT Center in front of 4,000 people. Most recently, they were the band of choice to perform at the fairy-tale beach wedding featuring Disney Legend Jodi Benson as the voice of The Little Mermaid. The video has become a viral Internet sensation encompassing millions of online views with The Uptown Band having a front-row seat.

View video here: <https://youtu.be/RbH0OADz13o>

The Uptown Band has grown beyond its regional roots and become a truly national and international story since the release of their stylistically eclectic, critically acclaimed full-length album debut *Waiting For Her*. "SJ3", the first single off of their sophomore album *Heart, Sou/, Body, & Mind* climbed all the way to #9 in the United States on the Groove Jazz Radio Chart. Featured artists on *Heart, Soul, Body, & Mind* include legendary artists Will Lee, bassist from The Late Show with David Letterman's CBS Orchestra, trumpet great and founding member of Tower of Power and East Bay Soul, Greg Adams, percussionist Doc Gibbs from The Emeril Live Show on the Food Network, drummer Curtis Harmon of Pieces of a Dream, and the CD's Producer, bassist Bennie Sims of The Three Degrees.

TV-wise, they have performed twice on NBC New York's former Late Night talk show *All Night With Joey Reynolds* and on ABC 27's *Good Day PA*. The Uptown Band has made cameos on National TV broadcasts including "The Chew", "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" appearing on ABC News in a story by Martha Raddatz, and at the Eastern League Minor League Baseball All-Star Game on NBC Universal/Comcast.

In addition to having their own listing on Pandora Radio, their songs "Waiting For Her," "I'm Breathless" and "You Treated Me Good" have been heard on the cable system Music Choice.

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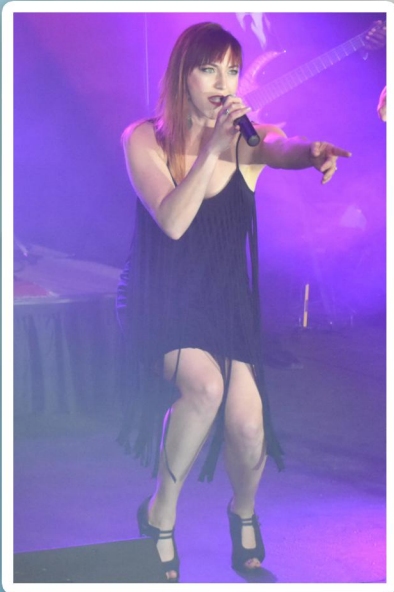
In the U.S., their music has been featured on numerous terrestrial radio stations in such markets as Quad Cities, Iowa (KMXG 96.1 FM) and Chicago, where WLFM 87.7 FM spun their holiday recording "Merry Christmas Baby." "Waiting For Her", "You Treated Me Good", and "SJ3" were all the #1 most added tracks in their week of release on the Groove Jazz Radio chart. Around the world, they enjoy brisk album sales in Japan and airplay on a unique array of stations, including Hawkesbury 89.9 in Sydney, Australia and Phoenix FM 98 in Brentwood, UK.

The Uptown Band was formed with the intent of being able to perform for any type of show, and originally started with a set list of only cover material. As the group has evolved, they have not only diversified their sound but also incorporated a lot of original material, which inspired the band to become independent recording artists as well. While The Uptown Band has enjoyed an inspiring amount of success in Pennsylvania and the Northeast, the group continues to strive to become a band that performs all around the U.S. and eventually, throughout the world. With 2 female vocalists, a powerfully tight horn section, and extremely talented performers at every position, The Uptown Band has a unique sound that is hard to contain and they want to share it with as many people as possible.



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Live Performances



Bethany Beach Bandstand Concert Series - Bethany Beach DE
Bethlehem Musikfest - Bethlehem PA
Boscov's Berks Jazz Festival - Reading PA
Eastern League Baseball's All-Star Game - Reading PA (National TV)
Equestrian Sport Shows - Wellington FL
Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards - Philadelphia PA
Fox Park Concert Series - Wildwood NJ
Great Allentown Fair - Allentown PA
Hersheypark Amphitheatre - Hershey PA
John Ascuaga's Nugget - Reno NV
Liberty Park Concert Series - Jersey City NJ
Nissley Vineyards Lawn Concert Series - Bainbridge PA
Ocean Pines Concert Series - Ocean Pines MD
Washington & Lee University- Lexington VA

Accomplishments

- Awards include Wedding Wire Couples' Choice Award, The Bash (powered by Gigmasters) Lifetime Award, Gold Member Band, Best of Gigmasters, and 2x-Rising Star Award
- Two appearances on NBC's "All Night with Joey Reynolds" TV Show shot at the NASDAQ Building Studio in Times Square, New York
- Original songs receiving airplay on Music Choice National Cable Radio, DMX National Satellite Radio, and Pandora Internet Radio
- Original song "SJ3" rose as high as #9 on the US Groove Jazz Radio Chart, July 2014
- Received chartbound status on Billboard Smooth Jazz Chart
- Performed as a sideman with The Skyliners, Marie Osmond, The Dovells, Little Anthony & the Imperials, Bill Haley's Comets, Larry Chance & The Earls, and The Coasters
- Performed for former National Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, NFL Greats Matt Millen, Merrill Hoge, Ron Jaworski, Seth Joyner, Vince Papale, Mike Quick, Bill Bergey, Tra Thomas, and opposite Super Bowl MVP Antonio Holmes and Joe Theismann



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Reviews



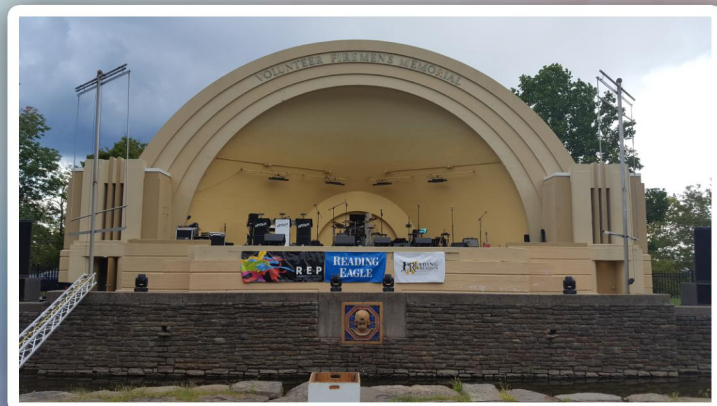
"The music industry needs more bands like this."
-Randy Mahon, *The Urban Music Scene, Highland, CA*

"The Uptown Band's mix of talented musicians and vocalists delivers fun, first-class entertainment for all ages. Erich's charming stage presence, combined with a multi-genre set list, engaged our audience and kept them on their feet!"
-Julie Malewski, *Director, Bethany Beach Bandstand Concert Series, Bethany Beach DE*

"Sometimes it's tricky translating live energy to the studio, but the band, trying to expand its base beyond its home region of Pennsylvania, makes the transition with flair. Truly celebrating the magical and expansive stylistic possibilities of being Indie, the Uptown Band is (in and exuberant way) all over the map."
-Jonathan Widran, *AI/Music.com, Encino, CA*

"Thanks for a terrific performance as the opening act for our sold out performance of comedian/ventriloquist Jeff Dunham at the Luhrs Center on Saturday night. Your act was a real crowd pleaser. I would recommend (and have recommended) the band to anyone looking for a fun and entertaining performance for their event."
-Leslie Folmer Clinton, *Director, H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg, PA*

"The band's debut CD *Waiting for Her* is an accomplished collection that ably transports the band's indisputed live prowess to the recording studio."
-Denis Poole, *Smooth Jazz Therapy, York, England*



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