

# Jazz for your event



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One of the most popular big bands in Chicago during the 1980's and 90's was the Deja Vu Big Band. Now, several veterans of that group have come together once again to form the Stardust Big Band.

Led by award-winning composer-arranger Jon McGahan, the Stardust Big Band is dedicated to promoting and continuing the jazz traditions as practiced by Maynard Ferguson, Neal Hefti, Bill Holman, and Quincy Jones among others. This 10-to-13-piece ensemble combines inventive writing with vibrant solos by some of Chicago's finest big band practitioners.

For smaller venues and budgets, we also offer a six-piece instrumental group, the Stardust Sextet, bringing audiences the "cool" West Coast sounds of the 1950's and beyond.

The Stardust Big Band and The Stardust Sextet take their musical influence from the classic jazz of the 1950's and 1960's, a time when martinis were in, class was where it was at, and bands like Count Basie, Woody Herman, Maynard Ferguson and Buddy Rich were taking the world by storm.

The Stardust Big Band has been the house band at both Cafe Touche in Edison Park and Romano's in Park Ridge, as well as having been featured twice at Bannockburn Green's "Music on the Green" series, and played to enthusiastic audiences at local venues such as Abbey Pub, Heartland Cafe, Reggie's, Crimson Lounge, Red Kiva, Wise Fool's Pub, and Gallery Cabaret.

For more information on the Stardust Big Band and The Stardust Sextet, along with a selection of audio samples, contact us at: [stardustbigband@gmail.com](mailto:stardustbigband@gmail.com) or [773-380-2202](tel:773-380-2202).

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