Big Band Jazz And Dance Music



Sarah Edmonds

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# **Band Members**



Billy Adair

**Director** Billy Adair

**Vocals** Sarah Edmonds Eric Stein

Reeds Jeff Byrd John Conner Chris Genovese Ed Grooms Geoff Pfeifer

Trumpets Brent Baker Justin Emmert Stuart Naylor Alan Suska Dr. Greg Weaver

**Trombones** Dr. Joseph Awad Greg Cox Jon Lawson Daniel Thompson

Rhythm John Arnn Loy Hardcastle Chip Henderson John Ownby



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Beginning in 1970, a diverse array of Nashville musicians who had in common an abiding love of big band music came together to form an ensemble devoted to capturing the rhythmic sounds of the Forties and Fifties. Today, this well -rehearsed and highly skilled 22-piece aggregation is in demand throughout the Mid-South.

Four rhythm players, five reeds and ten



Dr. Joseph Awad Schermerhorn Symphony Center

brass comprise the band which was founded by Del Sawyer, Dean Emeritus of Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music. In 1998, Del handed over the baton to the current leader, Billy Adair. Vocals are handled by the talented Liz Johnson and Eric Stein with arrangements skillfully crafted by Mr. Adair.

### Professionalism

Professional in every sense of the work, the band is made up of doctors, lawyers, academicians, corporate executives, and entrepreneurs, as well as former professional musicians. The Establishment regularly packs hotels and clubs with audiences that love danceable, soft-muted brass, and stirs college proms with a driving, all-out beat. Wherever they play, from society balls to music-hall concerts, their big band sound draws applause and cheers and shouts of praise.

#### Repertoire

With an extensive repertoire of the great music made famous by the bands of Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Harry James and others, The Establishment was for eight years the band in demand at the Opryland Hotel's big New Years Eve Gala, and was featured on the Big Band Cruise of the showboat General Jackson. The Establishment has recently been seen playing in venues such as Gray's on Main in downtown Franklin, TN.



John Ownby Jazz at the Mill, Lebanon, TN

## **The Establishment**

A non-profit organization, The Establishment generates scholarships for musically talented children to receive individualized instruction at Blair School of Music and at the W.O. Smith Nashville Community Music School. Though the band works only for the love of music and the support of a new generation of musicians, it is in no sense an amateur group. Each new member is carefully auditioned and shares the band's commitment to rigorous weekly rehearsals. Devotion and skill are the trademark of The Establishment, a musical organization that represents professionalism at its best.



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