

the Jivewires



With over two decades of performing and recording behind them, The Jivewires put on a high-energy show of original songs along with some classic “jump blues” from the post war period from which the band takes its inspiration. Mixing jump blues with swing, jazz and a wide variety of other musical styles, The Jivewires create a unique sound while maintaining the humorous social comment of artists like Louis Jordan and Cab Calloway. The Ottawa based group have toured throughout the UK and extensively in the US northeast the band has appeared in many concerts and festivals. In 2015 the band released “Drive Me Sane” and placed two songs from the album in “Prisoners Of Time”, a movie that has been accepted to the Sundance Film Festival.

Billed as **“the missing link between swing and rock 'n roll”**, The Jivewires is a seven piece band that couples four horns with bass, drums and guitar. Founding members Steve Berndt and Kurt Walther, the principle composers and arrangers, have been blessed with some of the best musicians in Canada in the band's lineup. The Jivewires members have performing and/or recording credits with many other acts that include The Funk Brothers, Dave Matthews Band, Amanda Marshall, Kathleen Edwards, The Mighty Popo, Andy J. Forest, The Blues Brothers, The Temptations, Downchild Blues Band, Jeff Rogers Band, Soul Jazz Orchestra, Delbert & The Commotions and JW Jones.

“The power card for this band remains the high-energy delivery”

Lenny Stout, The Toronto Star

“The band roars”

Wes Smiderley The Ottawa Citizen

“Explores the post war territory between jazz and R&B”

Jim Little, Hour Magazine, Montreal

“Renowned for their live performances, this electrifying band never fails to keep the dance floor full”

House of Blues, Boston

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[Le Droit, Ottawa](#)

Two Produced Videos Of The Songs From “Drive Me Sane” that have been placed in “Prisoners Of Time”:

[“Jazz, Blues & Dancin' Shoes”](#)

[“Fine, Fine, Fine”](#)

Extra Live Video Clips:

[“What's Your Sign?”](#) from “Drive Me Sane”

[“Black Dog”](#) our jump blues version of the Led Zeppelin classic

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