

THE SAVANNAH JAZZ BAND



Brian Ellis, Tony Pollitt, Bill Smith, Louis Lince, John Meehan, Rod Chambers

There is never a shortage of fun, excitement and raw spirit whenever the Savannah Jazz Band takes to the stage, which is thankfully becoming increasingly more frequent these days. The Savannah is without doubt one of the most popular UK bands around. With their talent for satisfying listeners and dancers alike they have built up a truly international reputation at major festivals in the UK and overseas. The band's driving and exciting New Orleans style attracts large audiences whenever they play. Their many fans follow them from festival to festival and turn out devotedly to see them at regular venues in the UK. This tremendous support is very much appreciated by the band. Demand for their music has prompted regular recordings on CD. To date 17 recordings have been made of the band, 11 live concerts and 6 in the studio by Lake Records. The latest being 'Drifting and Dreaming' which was released December 2006. Their music can be heard as far away as New Zealand and America and they have travelled to Holland, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Majorca, Canada and the Isle of Man, delighting new audiences and collecting loyal supporters along the way.

However the band's reputation has not suddenly emerged: it has been hard earned and deserved for more than twentyfive years. Formed in 1979, the Savannah started their swinging Thursday night sessions at the Station Tavern, part of the railway station in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Their dedication and ability has steamed ahead. The Savannah Jazz Band is as much a musicians' band as it is a magnet for its impressive number of loyal fans. Over the years the band has enjoyed playing with some very fine and talented musicians and the genuine admiration that exists between the Savannah and the many guests who have joined them at gigs throughout the country is mutual. The Savannah have a varied and ever changing programme, and are constantly adding new numbers to their extremely wide repertoire. The Savannah Jazz Band is never predictable! This is a dynamic band, a hard working band, a truly professional band. Long may they play.

Bill Smith joined the band in January 2004, Louis Lince in 2005 and Rod Chambers in January 2006. The band now have a monthly residency at the Royal British Legion, Golcar, Huddersfield, on the first Thursday of every month.



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New Orleans Jazz Played In The English Tradition

By "Yorkshire's Premier Jazz Band"

BAND CD RECORDINGS



Vol. 17 "Drifting and Dreaming"
Vol. 16 "Sunny Side" New Raymer Sound
Vol. 15 "First Choice"

Vol. 14 "Live At Gelsenkirchen 2000"
Vol. 13 "Live at Whitewater" (Double CD)
Vol. 12 "Live at Roade Ex. Serviceman's"

Vol. 11 "Under The Bamboo Tree"
Vol. 10 "Live at The Crown - Session 2"
Vol. 9 "Live at The Crown - Session 1"

Vol. 8 "Nothing Blues"
Vol. 7 "Out In The Cold"
Vol. 6 "Only A Beautiful Picture"

Vol. 5 "The Savannah Jazz Band"
Vols. 2-4 "Live At The Station"
Vol. 1 "Live At The 1988 Buxton Jazz Festival"

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