



SHAUN JOHNSON MUSIC

Shaun Johnson + The Big Band Experience *Description | Biography*

They're not famous. Yet. And they're not exactly a tribute group. Which would make it easier for you to know what to expect. They are something else. Literally.

"Still Big Band style but now also Singer-songwriter, a delightful mix of genre-bending songs" - Indie-Music.com

"A retro nerd of Rat Pack vintage, his performances go for the gut in rousing fashion." - Minneapolis Star Tribune

"It's a cool, creative collision...big band through a modern filter." - Dancing about Architecture

Shaun's won an **Emmy**[®]. And the band's first full-length album debuted on **Billboard**[®]'s **Top 5**.

More importantly, the Shaun Johnson Big Band Experience is leading a "Jazz Pop Renaissance" - The Guardian

More on the Story of the Big Band Experience:

Shaun Johnson, an Emmy-winning singer/songwriter, seemed destined for a life of music from the very beginning. "One of my earliest memories," he says, "is of performing at state fair talent shows with my little sister. We'd sing Sonny and Cher songs, a cappella, when neither of us was quite tall enough to reach the microphone."

Originally from the small town of Saint Joseph, Iowa, Shaun attended Saint John's University before settling in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he began his career with the nationally known vocal group, Tonic Sol-fa. This quartet has sold nearly two million albums independently and has been featured in Newsweek and on the Today Show. Shaun is still an active member.

In 2018, Shaun put together a group featuring some of the best instrumentalists and arrangers in the Midwest-- guys who've toured with numerous luminaries, who are Music Educators of the Year and who are integral members of collegiate jazz faculties. His vision was to create a contemporary Jazz Pop sound, honoring legends like Frank Sinatra, with a nod to Michael Bublé and Lake Street Dive, while giving the music his own twist - performing songs ranging from the "Spiderman Theme" to increasingly popular original works.

Look for the BBE's very first PBS special, "Spirit of the Season," (airing throughout North America) as well as the Big Band Experience's very first studio recording, "Capitol," which garnered a top 5 debut on the Billboard Jazz Chart.

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