



## Bio Info

Everyone who has ever seen the Swingtips perform knows how much fun it is to be a part of the band's live, interactive shows. Audiences of all ages find themselves laughing, singing, dancing, and even performing on stage with the band in the tradition of Vaudeville's golden age of variety entertainment. This is what the Swingtips are all about - good times, good music and good people.

The Swingtips can be traced back to Kregg Barentine, who in 1992 was responsible in part for the Zony-award winning 1930-40's swing revue, *The All-Night Strut*, which played to sold-out crowds each night. Soon after, Barentine was offered a touring spot with The Glenn Miller Orchestra playing saxophone, clarinet and flute in '93 and '94. After his return to the Phoenix-metro area, Barentine played to European and U.S. markets with his own original music, continuing to perform with the Dorsey Orchestra, Wayne Newton, Bob Newhart, Guy Lombardo, Tito Puente Jr., and others.

The Swingtips have been noted as one of the hottest nostalgia pop acts to emerge in the industry. The Swingtips original music has also been hailed as some of the most "excellent original, ...top notch swing material" (Tower Records) on the market, influencing audiences for the past decade in respected venues across the U.S., which include: the prestigious Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas, NV; regular featured act at Disney World in Orlando, FL for four years; featured at the 60th anniversary of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY; featured by Major League Baseball teams - AZ Diamondbacks, Boston Red Sox, the NY Mets at Shea Stadium, and featured at the historic 2001 World Series. The Swingtips music can be heard on radio stations around the globe and is featured in film/TV on: CMT, FOX, HBO, Cartoon Network, WB hit shows "Roswell" and "Felicity", ABC's *All My Children*, and in FX Network's two-time Golden Globe and Emmy Award winning show, *The Shield*. Many persons may also recognize Barentine's voice and production work on the "Lights, Camera, Harkins..." commercial spots that have played every minute of each working day in all of the Harkin's Theaters throughout the Southwest for many years. Having released four albums, the Swingtips have been included on numerous national and international recordings/CD compilations alongside legendary artists: Ella Fitzgerald, B.B. King, Louie Prima, Brian Setzer Orchestra, Paul Simon, Garrison Keeler, Louis Armstrong, Lena Horne, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

### **Faces of the Music**

Members of the Swingtips are: Kregg Barentine- lead vocals and saxophone; Jim VanWagoner- piano and vocals; Scott Yandell- trumpet; Steve McAllister- trombone; Gregg Delfiner- drums; and John Willis- bass.

Originally from South Carolina, Michigan, California and Arizona, these swingin' cats have performed over the years with such greats as Ray Charles, Ernie Watts, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, and King Curtis. You definitely wont want to miss a Swingtips performance, as their music will keep you tapping your feet and dancing all night long!

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