

Ruby Slippers

Romantic Music from the Swing Era

The name *Ruby Slippers* evokes a time when life was simple. Romance was in the air. If you closed your eyes and wished, your wish could come true. It was a time when the popular music of the day was swing, and Benny Goodman was the 'King of Swing'. It was the heyday of America's greatest composers -- George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Fats Waller, Harold Arlen, Rogers and Hart.

Ruby Slippers, an intimate 5 piece acoustic band will have you up and dancing in no time. Our favorite past-time is performing music suitable for a wide variety of dance styles: Swing, Lindy Hop, Jitterbug, Fox Trot, One Step, Blues, Latin and Waltz.

Julian Adamaitis, on piano and arrangements, started exploring jazz standards at the tender age of 8. Over the years his skills have grown to encompass such diverse musical styles as Early English Country Dance to Classical East Indian Sitar but his first love is still as always vintage jazz standards.

Paul Elliott, on violin, is one of the best known swing and bluegrass players in Seattle. Paul gigs with many bands including Cat Walk, Rainy Pass and Rouge. He teaches violin privately and at the Puget Sound Guitar Workshop, the B.C. Swing Camp, and the Port Townsend Festival of American Fiddle Tunes.

Tony Mates' smooth baritone voice and bass playing has graced Seattle dancers for many years; from Cajun songs to jazz standards to square dance calling. He is a member of more bands than just about anybody in Seattle including - The Lee Stripling Swing Band, Cayenne Cajun Band, and Turtle Valley Old Time String Band.

Virtuoso guitarist Dave Bartley is known for his work with KGB, Panegos, the Gina Sala Ensemble and has been a guest performer for both the Seattle Symphony and the Seattle Opera.

Sultry lead vocalist Janet Rayor is best known for her French Café Quartet, Rouge. Formerly a professional dancer, Janet nowsings, teaches voice and makes fantastical costumes. When not singing, Janet is also a stilt-dancer who performs for festivals and parties.

Ruby Slippers was founded in 2002 and has been delighting dancers ever since with performances for Living Traditions, The Northwest Dance Network, Waltz Etcetera, Sonny Newman's Dance Hall, The Northwest Folklife Festival, Shoreline Community Center, private celebrations and parties.

Call us to reserve a spot at your next event!

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