



# the Alibis jump swing band

## **Classy, brassy swing music**

The Alibis are a classy seven piece horn driven jumpswing band playing jump, blues and swing music that appeals to music lovers and dancers alike.

The band's music is influenced by small-group rhythm 'n' blues and jump blues combos of the 1950s and the neoswing revival of the 1990s

The Alibis are an Auckland based band, popular at Jazz and Blues and Wine and Food festivals, corporate and private functions. They have released their own CD titled "Not Guilty".

The Alibis perform their own brand of jumpswing music covering material by the likes of Louis Jordan, Ray Charles, Count Basie, Louis Prima and the Brian Setzer Orchestra. They are a swinging dance band with three vocalists who can also deliver romantic jazz torch songs with conviction.

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## **THE ALIBIS** are:

Wayne Baird: lead vocals and lead guitar, has over 20 years experience in such bands as Rick Bryant's Jive Bombers, The Neighbours, Hattie and the Hotshots, Sonny Day's band, Gentle Annie and Trudi and the Exceptions.

Phil Oxenham: lead vocals and bass guitar, has wide and varied experience as a music teacher and has played in many bands including The Revivals, Bluebird Wine and the Sam Ford Verandah band.

Stephen Clarke: keyboards, started in the teen idol band The Challenge in the 60s and has played with the Teddy Boys, Sonny Day and the Blues News, The Push and Beats Working.

Annette Hart : Baritone sax, adds the brass and class of the Baritone to the horn section baseline. Previously played with saxophone orchestra's, Jim Langabeer's 15 piece "Saxestra" and 4 piece "Sax4Sound" More recently in the studio with Evan Silva, and currently playing Pacific/Brazilian styles with AK Samba.

Rick Roff: trumpet, started his career at the Surfside ballroom in the 1960s after leaving America for New Zealand. He has played for many years including stints at his own self managed former restaurants Ricks Café Americain and Ricks Blue Falcon.

Mike Abbot:- Drums, Mike comes from a strong family tradition of drummers sharing this calling with his three brothers. He has played drums professionally around New Zealand since the 1970s and worked extensively with blues, country, rock and latin bands. Some of his previous bands include Kantuta, the Midge Marsden band and Flying Doctors.

Mike Croft:- Alto sax, Mike's distinctive R'n'B tone has contributed to myriad live performances and recordings over the past 20 years. He has played sax in a variety of soul, blues, rock 'n' roll and jazz bands. These have included Johnny and the Jaguars, The Neighbours, Trudi and the Exceptions and Rick Bryant's Jive Bombers.

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