

## THE VELVET SET



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### BIOGRAPHY

The Velvet Set are Sydney's most exuberant swing band who play all the classics from the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

The Velvet Set's truly unique style of combining male and female vocals to recreate the classic tunes of the 1930's, 40's and 50's is unparalleled.

With over 200 shows under their belt, The Velvet Set has wowed audiences for the last five years they are now regarded as one of the best swing bands in Australia.

The Velvet Set have their own unique take on classic swing and crooner favourites. They are a classy, experienced and totally professional corporate entertainment & wedding reception band.

The Velvet Set plays all the swing & jazz classics by: Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Nat King Cole, Sarah Vaughn, Peggy Lee, Bobby Darin, Sammy Davis Jnr, Glenn Miller and Cole Porter to name but a few.

They also keep the dance floor jumping and jiving with the best neo-swing such as Royal Crown Review, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

No matter what your event The Velvet Set will make it a huge success, be it a cocktail party, product launch, wedding, themed event, thousand-seat corporate seminar or end-of-year extravaganza.

The Velvet Set will impress you and your guests with their performance. They can even play in instrumental mode for

relaxed dining or to set the mood on guest arrival right through to the fully choreographed, thoroughly compelling 8 or 10 piece swing show and the new 19-piece Big Band,

The Velvet Set can supply full production including PA and lighting systems for most venues. Add to this an extensive catalogue of jazz and swing tunes and our new 'Authentic Vintage Music' DJ Service and the Velvet Set has the night's entertainment covered.

The Velvet Set is also an Australian Bridal Service (ABS) Accredited Business which is testament to their professionalism and high standard of service.

**Since taking to the stage five years ago, the Velvet Set has entertained audiences for:**

Optus, Tabcorp, BMW, Energizer Batteries, AMP, Commonwealth Bank, KPMG, Bechtel (QLD), Royal Australian Mint, Centrelink, BT Financial, Westpac, St George Bank, Credit Suisse, Sunbeam, Rail Corp, SOS (Australasia) Pty Ltd, Parramatta City Council, City of Sydney Council, Swire Shipping, BNY Mellon, North Queensland Tourist Authority, Barnardos 'Mother of the Year', The Property Industry Foundation, 40K Home Foundation, Golden Stave Charity Gala, Cure for Life Charity Gala, Dream Ball, The Global Illumination Ball, The RSVP (Event Planners) Showcase, The Australian Bridal Service, NSW University, UTS, Mainbrace, The Medical Industry Foundation, Mailroom Express, Blake Dawson, Macquarie Telecom, The Sydney Burlesque Ball, The Gangsters' Ball, The Oxford Art Factory official opening, Swingtime's Deco Dance & Swing Patrol dance nights to name but a few...

If you would like something extra added to your entertainment, The Velvet Set can provide professional Swing Dancers and Showgirls to the night's entertainment.

The Velvet Set - So much more than just a great Swing & Jazz band. They are the complete corporate entertainment package!

#### **Available Options And Packages:**

- 3 Piece Instrumental Jazz Band (Double Bass – Piano – Saxophone)
- 4 Piece Instrumental Jazz Band (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Saxophone)
- 4 Piece Jazz Band with 1 Singer (Double Bass – Piano – Saxophone or Drums – Female Singer)
- 5 Piece Jazz Band with 1 Singer (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Saxophone & Female Singer)
- Classic jazz standards from some of Sydney's finest musicians. Choose either instrumental jazz for classy background music or vocal jazz featuring the sultry Rose Grayson.

#### **Swing Band line-ups:**

- 5 Piece Swing Band with 1 Singer (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Saxophone – Male or Female Singer)
- 6 Piece Swing Band with 1 or 2 Singers (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Saxophone – Trumpet – Male or Female Singer) or (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Saxophone – Male & Female Singers)
- The smaller 5 & 6 piece line-ups are stripped back versions of the full Swing Band but still play the same repertoire with all the energy and groove needed to get your guests up and dancing, making these line-ups the perfect choice for weddings and private functions in smaller venues where space and/or noise restrictions may be an issue. Choose the line-up that suits your needs best with either 1 or 2 singers.
- 8 Piece Swing Band with 2 Singers (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – 3 Horns – Male & Female Vocals)
- 9 Piece Swing Band with 2 Singers (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Guitar – 3 Horns – Male & Female Vocals)

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- Sydney's most dynamic swing band! The 8 or 9 piece line-up is perfect for bigger weddings, private functions & corporate events.
- 10 Piece Swing Band with 2 Singers (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Guitar – 4 Horns – Male & Female Vocals)
- If you want everyone on the dance floor, then the full 10-piece swing band is the perfect choice! A dynamic, fully choreographed show sure to impress.
- 19-piece Big Band with 2 Singers
- 19 Piece Big Band with 2 Singers (Drums – Double Bass – Piano – Guitar – 13 Horns – Male & Female Vocals)
- Or would you prefer both Jazz and Swing?

A popular option at weddings and corporate functions is to set the mood on guest arrival with our instrumental jazz band then once the meals, speeches and formalities are finished, the Singers join the band to perform our Swing repertoire and get your guests up and dancing 'til the end of the function...

## REPERTOIRE

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With a repertoire of more than 100 songs covering all the classics from the 1930's, 40's & 50's The Velvet Set can tailor a show to suit your specific needs. They can also perform "songs by request" if there's something special you'd really love to hear (prior notice required and an additional fee may be incurred if the songs are not in our repertoire).

Below is a small selection from the band's current repertoire:

Ain't that a kick in the head – Dean Martin  
A Tisket A Tasket – Ella Fitzgerald  
All of me – Frank Sinatra  
Baby it's cold outside – Dean Martin & Doris Day  
Beyond the sea – Bobby Darin  
Cheek to cheek – Peggy Lee  
Come fly with me – Frank Sinatra  
Feeling good – Nina Simone  
Fever – Peggy Lee  
Fly me to the moon – Frank Sinatra  
Hey Pachuco – Royal Crown Review  
Hit the road Jack – Ray Charles  
I've got you under my skin – Frank Sinatra  
I'm beginning to see the light – Ella Fitzgerald  
Is you is or is you ain't my baby – Dinah Washington  
It don't mean a thing (if it ain't got the swing) – Ella Fitzgerald  
It's only a paper moon – Ella Fitzgerald  
Let's fall in love – Frank Sinatra  
Love is the tender trap – Frank Sinatra

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Mack the knife – Bobby Darin  
Moonlight in Vermont – Ella Fitzgerald  
More – Bobby Darin  
Minnie the Moocher – Cab Calloway  
My baby just cares for me – Nina Simone  
My way – Frank Sinatra  
New York, New York – Frank Sinatra  
Nice work if you can get it – Frank Sinatra  
Night & day – Frank Sinatra  
Nobody but Me – Lou Rawls  
Orange coloured sky – Natalie Cole  
Perhaps, perhaps, perhaps – Peggy Lee  
Route 66 – Nat King Cole  
Saturday night (is the loneliest night of the week) – Frank Sinatra  
Straighten up & fly right – Nat King Cole  
Sway – Julie London  
That old black magic – Sammy Davis Jnr  
The Lady is a tramp – Ella Fitzgerald  
The way you look tonight – Frank Sinatra  
Too darn hot – Mel Torme  
You make me feel so young – Frank Sinatra  
Zoot suit riot – Cherry Poppin' Daddies

Please note: The Velvet Set is more than happy for clients to request a few 'must have' songs from our repertoire however in order to provide you with the best possible show the band only performs pre-determined set lists.

## TESTIMONIALS

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"Thank you so much for all the work and effort you and the team put in last night. It was an awesome night and I know everyone enjoyed themselves. The Velvet Set really made the night for what it was, and the professionalism of everyone, was truly second to none! Thank you, thank you, thank you!... Again, thanks so much and I will definitely be using and recommending you and the band again". Melinda McCallum, Stellar LifeStyle Management.



"Thank you again for being part of the event - the band were excellent and everyone thoroughly enjoyed them on the night! It was so great to see some up and dancing at the end - a first ever for this event! I am sure Barnardos will send you a formal thank you but from me thank you for being such a pleasure to work with". Nichole Ray - Bellelaide Events - Barnardos Mother of the Year



"Tarah and I are just back from our honeymoon and we wanted to thank you and the band for a fantastic night. People are still talking about how good you guys were, even our single friends snuck up on the dance floor to have a dance. It was a great night and you guys made it a lasting memory for everyone! Thank you again for looking after all the additional music for us too, you did a flawless job! I will be heading out and watching you guys every time you are performing and I will tell everyone about the Velvet Set for their events and functions. You guys rocked! Thank you". Brendan Coogan - Wedding.



"The Velvet Set was the finishing touch on a perfect day. Our guests absolutely loved the band and we've had rave reviews ever since. It was exactly what we wanted, thank you". Danielle & Peter Nash – Wedding.



"Thank you very much to you and the band for Saturday night, you made the evening! Everyone I've spoken to said you guys were amazing". Alice Andrewartha, Bechtel Australia.



"Thank you so much again for all your help and patience in the lead-up to our wedding and on the night. All of our guests loved the band and the dancers - it definitely helped to make an amazing night". Olivia Grady - Wedding.



"I thought the band were awesome and I have had a lot of great feedback. Thank you so much for all your support". Larry Warren - General Manager - Golden Stave Foundation.



"A quick note to say a huge thank you to you and your band! The music was fabulous!" Eva Wright, SOS (Australasia) Pty Ltd.



"Thank you for performing so brilliantly at Andrew and Lauren's wedding. Everyone was raving about the band. You helped make the night very special". Gordon Stalley - Wedding.



"Thank you so much to you and the band for providing fantastic music on our wedding night. Everyone had a great time and the dance floor was never empty. Thank you for an amazing night". Nick & Jo-Elle - Wedding.

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"Thank you and the rest of the Velvet Set so much for playing at our wedding. You really made the night, everyone has been talking about the music and how absolutely sensational it was. Thank you also for learning the song for our wedding dance. It was exactly as we needed it to be and sounded fantastic". Lauren Stalley - Wedding.



"We just wanted to say thanks a million to yourself and The Velvet Set for an awesome time at our wedding. The music was excellent". Cormac and Tamara Corr - Wedding.



"Just a quick one to say thanks heaps for Saturday night. I know I told you at the end of the set, but to reiterate- they loved you guys! I heard nothing but positive responses. Please pass my thanks on to the guys for such a great show". Clary Castrission - Chief Executive Officer - 40K Home Foundation.



"The band were awesome. Perfect for that style of event and the guests and our client loved them. Thanks for putting it together so professionally". Darren Waide, Managing Director, Aztech Events.



"The guests were unanimous in their praise for the band on the night". Bruce Mitchell - Wedding.



"The feedback regarding the The Velvet Set has been amazing – thank you again for your professionalism and commitment to this event. It was a sensational evening and we will certainly be working with you again soon". Julia Barnard, Creative Director, This Space Event Studio.



"The band was great & very pleasant to work with from my end". John Thomson, Technical Services Manager, Star City Casino.



"You guys were awesome and helped us set the scene. We all had a great time". Dr Quang DAO, Australian Vietnamese Professionals Association.



"I would just like to thank the band for a wonderful night. I have spoken to many of my guests and they were all very impressed with the Velvet Set and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. I had been wanting a Roaring 40's 40th Birthday Party for many years and thanks to The Velvet Set, my 40th was everything I wanted it to be. Thank you for making it a great night!" Eliza Haycroft.



"Thank you so much to you and your crew for the fabulous performance you gave at our wedding. I know the guests received you extremely well and Dave and myself thought you were fantastic and your choice of music created the exact ambience we were imagining for the day". Michelle Gow.



"Thank you for a fabulous gig at our wedding, we really enjoyed it, and we had many impressed guests. The band was faultless and Evan's one of the most impressive live singers we've seen - and we've seen a few". Jane and James Ford.



"Thank you so much for providing wonderful entertainment throughout the evening. The band was absolutely fantastic and created the perfect atmosphere for our wedding". Sarah & Steven O'Donnell - Wedding.



The band was very impressive and some of our guests who are getting married soon now want the Velvet Set to perform at their receptions too". Mrs Mackay - Wedding.



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"I thought the band and vocalists were fantastic - they certainly captured the atmosphere of the era with their presentation, style and singing". Helen Kennedy, Director, Sydney Music Enterprises.



"Loved the show. You guys are tight, professional, and look the part. A good corporate look and feel". Benjamin Gilmour, Sugartime.



"Fantastic. A great show. I will have no hesitation in recommending you to clients looking for a great swing and/or jazz band". Nata Forte, Singer 4U.



"One of the best Sunday nights we've had in ages. A great band and a great show. You guys must play here again very soon". Paul, Manager, Hopetoun Hotel, Sydney.



"Sharp.. stylish and just perfect, wish i could have stayed longer. Looking forward to the next gig". Little Kelly Doll, Professional Swing Dancer.



"You guys are great. Fantastic music and lots of fun. The dancers were mesmerizing to watch". Simon, Hopetoun Hotel attendee.

## PERFORMANCE INFO

### Performance duration

3 x 45 minute sets

### Stage and power requirements

Normal Power Required

### Travel range

### Performers

### Other information

#### Corporate Entertainment & Events

Hosting a 30's, 40's or 50's themed night? A Gangsters & Flappers or Mobsters & Molls Ball? Black Tie or Swing dancing extravaganza? Great Gatsby or Cotton Club event? For any corporate event or product launch needing some cool jazz tunes or great swing music you need look no further as the Velvet Set has arrived!

The Velvet Set can give your corporate event that extra bit of pizzazz that only a great live band can deliver! Be it laid back instrumental jazz, 1930's & 40's classics, the Rat-Pack's greatest hits or full-tilt swing for dancing through the night we have all the bases covered.

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We can provide full production (PA, lighting & operators), professional swing dancers, burlesque & cabaret performers, DJ's and even an MC!!! We can perform as little as 1 song up to a full show of 3 hours duration. Whatever your requirements, we can tailor a show to suit your specific needs and budget.

## **Corporate clients have included:**

Commonwealth Bank - State Theatre, Sydney, NSW.

Optus - Macquarie Park, NSW.

Royal Australian Mint - Parliament House, Canberra, ACT.

BT Financial, Westpac, St George Bank - Sydney Dance Company, NSW.

AMP - Parramatta RSL, NSW.

BMW - Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont, NSW.

Energizer Batteries - Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont, NSW.

Parramatta City Council - Lord Mayor's Xmas Ball 2011.

Bechtel - Brisbane Exhibition & Convention Centre, QLD.

The University of NSW - Kensington, NSW

RailCorp - Central Railway Station, Sydney, NSW.

KPMG - GPO & Crystal Bar, Martin Place, Sydney.

Sunbeam - The Sebel Hotel, Surry Hills, NSW.

Young Presidents Organisation - GPO & Crystal Bar, Martin Place, Sydney.

International SOS (Australasia) - Doltone House, Pyrmont, NSW.

NSW Business Chamber - QVB Tea Rooms, Sydney, NSW.

Swish Events Casino Nights Showcase - Masonic Centre, Sydney, NSW.

Australian Vietnamese Professionals Association - Dockside, Sydney, NSW.

RSVP Event Planners Expo - After Party - GPO, Sydney, NSW.

Mainbrace Constructions - Crystal Palace @ Luna Park, Sydney, NSW.

Tabcorp - Astral Restaurant, Star City Casino, Sydney, NSW.

North Queensland Tourism Authority - Townsville, QLD.



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BNY Mellon - Sydney University, Camperdown, NSW.

The University of Sydney Venue Collection, NSW.

SUBA - Sydney University Great Hall, NSW.

University of Technology, Sydney - 20th Anniversary Gala, NSW.

Blake Dawson - Crystal Palace @ Luna Park, Sydney, NSW.

Macquarie Telecom - Novotel, Wollongong, NSW.

Mailroom Express - Le Montage, Sydney, NSW.

MIAA - Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont, NSW.

Australian Bridal Service 75th Anniversary Dinner, Crowne Plaza, Parramatta, NSW.