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ON AIR – CLASSIC ROCK, POWER HORNS

On Air, Sacramento's premiere classic rock horn band, has entered its 32nd year of entertaining audiences throughout Northern California. That sort of longevity and track record is rare among local musical groups.

Solid rock music, tight harmony, and white hot horns characterize the On Air sound. No fewer than five members are vocalists, both lead and backup. They perform the best of '70s and '80s groups like Chicago, Steely Dan, the Doobie Brothers, and Van Morrison. The group dips back to Motown and Stax landmark hits and ahead to contemporary selections with a pleasing blend of soul and funk, jazz and swing, with just the right amount of tasty ballads. On Air is family-friendly and a true crowd pleaser.

The On Air rhythm section consists of guitarist and founding member Bob Lang who shares vocal chores with lead guitarist Brian Hack, bass player Tony Oddo, and girl vocalist Suzanne Weissenberg. Rounding out the rhythm section is Barry Reynolds on keyboard and Johnny DuVall on drums. The magic of On Air, though, is found in the screaming five-piece horn section: Brian Nakagawa on trombone, Raul Sandoval on tenor sax, Brad Tom on baritone sax, and trumpeters Greg Evans, the band's arranger, and Vahan Kachadorian, who's also a vocalist.

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A genuine treasure each year at spring and summer park concerts, On Air has been featured repeatedly at venues like the Folsom Concert in the Park series, the Taste of Land Park, the Carmichael Park Summer Concerts, the Curtis Park series, the Fountains concert series and several others. The band appears for the third straight year at the 2017 Sacramento Music Festival in Old Sac and is busy preparing for concerts at both old and new venues this season.

For more than a decade, On Air has been a part of the annual Thanksgiving day Run to Feed the Hungry sponsored by the Sacramento Food Bank. Over the years, the band has performed at such venues as the old Sacramento Blues Festival, the California State Fair, the Nevada County Fair, the Dixon Mayfair, the Vacaville Onion Festival, the Stockton Asparagus Festival and others. And they have entertained at countless private events along the way.

Members of the group tend to remain with On Air. Nearly half of the musicians have been with the band since or near the beginning and most of the rest have been a part of the excitement for the better part of the last decade. They stay with On Air for the unique brand of quality showmanship the band produces, for the musical excellence, and the outright fun.

An On Air performance is not to be missed.

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