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ON AIR IS SACRAMENTO'S A-LIST NUMBER 1 BAND FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

On Air is the fan's favorite for the second year in a row. Sacramento's premier classic rock horn band was judged the 2018 winner in the Best Local Band category of the Sacramento A-List out of 146 area groups. City Voter, sponsor of the A-List, accepted nominations and votes from the community in various categories. Last year, On Air was also voted number one after being in the top five the year before.

"Solid rock music, tight harmony, and white hot horns characterize the On Air sound," according to the band's publicity. No fewer than five members are vocalists, both lead and backup. They perform the best of '70s and '80s groups like Chicago, Steely Dan, Tower of Power, the Doobie Brothers, and Van Morrison along with a mix of Motown and Stax landmark hits and contemporary selections.

A staple each year at spring and summer park concerts, On Air has been featured repeatedly at venues like Fair Oaks Park, Carmichael Park, and Curtis Park along with several other regular series. The group appeared for the final three years of the Sacramento Music Festival in Old Sacramento.

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 its 30-plus year history, the band has performed at such venues as the old Sacramento Blues Festival, the California State

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Fair, the Nevada County Fair, the Dixon Mayfair, the Vacaville Onion Festival, the Stockton Asparagus Festival and others while entertaining at countless private events along the way.

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 keyboards and Geno Guerere on drums. The unique sound of On Air, though, is found in the distinctive six-piece horn section: Brian Nakagawa on trombone, Craig Yamamoto and 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.

Members of the group tend to remain with On Air. Nearly half of the musicians have been with the band since or near its inception and most of the rest have been a part of the group for at least the last decade.

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