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ON AIR REGROUPS FOR 2020

On Air, Sacramento's premier classic rock horn band is regrouping for the new year. Long-time members Tony Oddo (bass) and Vahan Kachadorian (trumpet) have been replaced and the new line-up is equally powerful. John Chermisino has rejoined the band as vocalist and bass guitarist and Garry Klein has been added on lead guitar. They join guitarist and founding member Bob Lang who shares vocal chores with female vocalist Suzanne Weissenberg. Rounding out the rhythm section is Jimmy Malone on keyboards and Geno Guerere on drums.

On Air was the fan's favorite for two years running, in 2017 and 2018 as the top band in the Best Local Band category of the Sacramento A-List out of more than 200 area groups. City Voter, sponsor of the A-List, accepted nominations and votes from the community in various categories. On Air won the top spot after being in the top five the year before.

"Solid rock music, tight harmony, and white-hot horns characterize the On Air sound." No fewer than four 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.

The unique sound of On Air, though, is found in the distinctive five-piece horn section: Craig Yamamoto on alto sax, Raul Sandoval on tenor sax, Brad Tom on baritone sax, Brian Nakagawa on trombone, and trumpeter Greg Evans who's also the band's arranger.

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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. 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. The group appeared for the final three years of the Sacramento Music Festival in Old Sacramento. Over its nearly thirty-five year history, 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 while entertaining 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 its inception and most of the rest have been a part of the group for at least the last decade.

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