

# *The Boogiemen*

## *General information*

The Boogie Men is the brainchild of founding members Jason Bourgeois, Scott Schmidt, and Louis Wright. The original idea of the group was to form a versatile 9-piece dance band, powered by a horn section, capable of performing for any type of occasion. The Boogie Men have stayed true to this concept, playing many different styles of music from the "big band era" to the most current popular songs, and everything in between. Specializing in performing at weddings, parties, conventions and festivals, The Boogie Men can also get a club rocking as well. The band has been a fixture at many local nightclubs in the area, such as: the Rock 'N' Bowl, Ruby's Roadhouse and the Bengal Lounge. The group has acquired great fan support since it's formation in late 1994, despite the lack of publicity. "We have in a sense become New Orleans best kept secret," (as far as variety bands are concerned) said Dino Noto. "And we have accumulated more than 600 names on our mailing list," said Sean Kenny. "Our friends and fans keep us motivated and energized. Their support is very much appreciated," says Scott.

The group has compiled an arsenal of songs over the years, by such artists as: Tower of Power, Chicago, Earth, Wind, & Fire, even Frank Sinatra among others. "Some of our fans come out specifically to hear the Tower of Power or Chicago tunes we play. Others come to simply enjoy the dance variety we offer," says Scott. Jason also adds; "our horn section gives us the versatility to play music from many genres, creating a unique sound while still staying true to the original recordings."

The nine members in the Boogiemen carry a wealth of talent and experience and provide quality entertainment in and around the New Orleans area. No gimmicks, just good music. They are truly "New Orleans' Premier Horn-Powered Dance Band"...

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