

# SFEA Big Band Club

## **WHAT?**

The purpose of the SFEA Big Band Club is to provide an opportunity for State Farm employees and adult family members to participate in a jazz band and/or vocal jazz ensemble (known as J-108).

The functions of the SFEA Big Band Club are:

- ❖ to foster a spirit of camaraderie among jazz instrumentalists and vocalists
- ❖ to bring a needed complement to the arena of amateur arts for employees

The SFEA Big Band and J-108 meet regularly to rehearse and sight-read a variety of Big Band/Jazz Band/Vocal Jazz music. The opportunities to perform have included:

- ❖ Heartland Community College Fundraiser at Ewing Manor (Jazz At The Manor)
- ❖ SF/ISU Academic Excellence Awards Banquet
- ❖ Light The Night
- ❖ Sounds of Christmas
- ❖ Festival of Trees
- ❖ State Farm Park Dinners
- ❖ Various Bloomington-Normal area community sponsored events and festivals

Other projects that the SFEA Big Band Club would like to help foster or pursue include:

- ❖ Sponsoring other musical groups performances at State Farm and in the community
- ❖ Clinics and concerts in the local schools
- ❖ Jazz Appreciation Seminars
- ❖ Computer-based music seminars/demonstrations

## **WHO?**

Membership is open to any adult SFEA member who can attend regular rehearsals, meet performance obligations and has the required skill level to participate at a level competent to the expectations of the group. Generally, if you have performed in a collegiate music ensemble or a quality high school program and are willing to prepare your parts in advance of rehearsal, then you are a candidate for the SFEA Big Band!

## **WHEN?**

The SFEA Big Band meets from 4-5:30 every Thursday of "payday weeks" (every two weeks) and sometimes additionally, if preparation for a specific performance warrants it. J-108 meets from 4:30-6 every Tuesday and sometimes additionally, if preparation for a specific performance warrants it.

For questions regarding the SFEA Big Band Club, please contact Karen Essington at 309-846-5497 or SFEA Board Member Marie Vose at 766-8112. For questions regarding J-108, please contact Jerald H Starks at 766-0578 or Noelle Mendoza at 763-0103.

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