



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 big band, various combos, 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
- Festival of Trees
- State Farm Park Dinners
- Various Bloomington-Normal area community sponsored events and festivals

WHO?

Membership is open to any SFEA member who can attend regular rehearsals, can meet performance obligations and who possesses the musical skill to participate at a level consistent with the needs of the group. Generally, if you have performed in a quality high school program or a collegiate ensemble and are willing to prepare your parts prior to rehearsal, then you are a candidate for the Club!

WHEN?

The SFEA Big Band generally meets from 4:15 - 5:30 on pay-week Thursdays, every two weeks, with occasional, additional rehearsals to prepare for a specific performance if warranted.

J-108 meets from 4:30-6 every Tuesday and sometimes additionally, with occasional, additional rehearsals to prepare for a specific performance if warranted.

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