

# The Top Hat Band



Formed in 1993 they have performed well over a thousand dates and specialise in weddings, parties and corporate functions. In 2005 alone they played 52 weddings and 168 other gigs.

They are all in their twenties and pride themselves in combining accomplished musicianship and youthful enthusiasm on stage with a level of professionalism and attention to detail off stage that belies their tender years.

They play a wide range of music, from 50's jazz to 90's pop. They have a good selection of ballads and background music but their strength lies in creating a party atmosphere and getting people dancing. The band play recorded music in their breaks and are quite happy to learn songs specifically for your function, but with a repertoire of over 350 tunes it's not too often that they have to do any work for that.

The Top Hat Band can be dressed as smartly as required; from casual to black tie. They have a state of the art sound and lighting system and can provide staging if required.

Previous clients include: Lotus Cars (50th Anniversary party), the BBC, Tesco, News International, and have performed for the Queen at the TS2k celebrations.

the top hat band usually travels as a four piece. However, you can add extra members to the band. You might want a female singer, if you're a fan of all those great Abba tunes like Dancing Queen and Waterloo. Or perhaps you'd like some Blues Brothers songs, or tunes by The Commitments, in which case think about a saxophone player.

Whatever your needs [the top hat band] can be tailored to suit them. We can also provide a full blown disco set up with intelligent lights, smoke and bubble machines, London club DJs and the widest range of tunes to chose from.

We have musicians to suit every occasion. Our jazz band is a great idea for an afternoon drinks reception, or maybe at a wedding breakfast. They can be anything from a simple duo right up to a full seven piece line up of vocals, piano, guitar, saxophone, trumpet, bass and drums. And you can keep the jazzy theme going throughout the evening with some up-tempo Frank Sinatra style swing tunes to keep people on the dance floor.

- You can pick songs from a repertoire of over 300 songs from contemporary pop to 50s jazz.
- You don't need a separate disco we provide recorded music in our breaks.
- You can request songs for us to learn specifically for your function.
- We are young and funky, yet experienced and professional.

This is a sample of over some 350 songs in The Top Hat Bands repertoire

We Are Family - Sister Sledge  
Lady Marmalade - Labelle  
Hot Stuff - Donna Summer  
One More Time - Britney Spears  
Car Wash - Rose Royce  
Disco Inferno - The Trammps  
Play That Funky Music - Wild Cherry  
Blame It On The Boogie - Jackson Five  
She Bangs - Ricki Martin  
When You Say Nothin At All - Boyzone  
Life Is a Rollercoaster - Ronan Keating  
Walking on Sunshine - Katrina and the Waves  
Let Me Entertain You - Robbie Williams  
Suspicious Minds - Elvis Presley  
500 miles - The Proclaimers  
Little Respect - Erasure/Wheatus  
Don't Stop Me Now - Queen  
All Rise - Blue  
Moondance - Van Morrison  
I'm A Believer - The Monkees  
Brown Eyed Girl - Van Morrison  
Superstition - Stevie Wonder  
Everybody - The Blues Brothers  
Oh What A Night (Dec 63) - Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons  
Soul Man - The Blues Brothers  
Long Train Running - The Doobie Brothers  
Mustang Sally - The Commitments  
Hard To Handle - The Black Crows  
Drift Away - Dobie Grey  
Lovely Day - Bill Withers  
Rio - Duran Duran  
Relight My Fire - Take That  
Hotel California - The Eagles  
Babylon - David Gray  
Stand By Me - Ben E. King  
Shake Your Tail Feather - The Blues Brothers  
Dancing In The Moonlight - Toploader  
Stuck In The Middle - Steelers Wheels  
A Little Less Conversation - Elvis Presley  
Dance The Night Away - The Mavericks  
Raining Men - The Weather Girls



"The Hat Band was excellent. Not only in their musical ability but also in their ability to interpret our rather vague instructions of what we wanted. The choice of music and volume were just right. Many reports of stiff middle aged bones from dancing too long. They did indeed make a great appearance inspiring dancing. Very kind of them to play for what I believe was in the end considerably longer than their contracted period. They appeared to be enjoying themselves and I certainly hope they did. We have had exceedingly favourable feedback from our friends and I have given you number as a contact for future business.

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Thank you for your faultless organization and I and Jo would like the band to know how much we all enjoyed the music."

[Ed Bates \(40th birthday party\)](#)

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"Just thought I would drop you a (somewhat belated) line to say thank you for the superb job you and your team did for our Christmas party at the Forum Hotel in London. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and I trust you enjoyed the "auditions" from our finance team."

[RSL Com Europe Ltd \(Christmas Party\)](#)

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"Craig and I just wanted to put a note in writing to say very big thanks for providing brilliant entertainment at our Christmas Party in Alexandra Palace in December.

I have been inundated with compliments and remarks on how brilliant the staff thought the band were. The majority did not know what to expect and were so impressed when you started the first number ( I think they were expecting Chas and Dave!). I did keep reassuring them that they would not be disappointed and I glad to say I was right.

A live band has never been used for one of our Christmas Parties and now you are going to be a tough act to follow. Therefore consider yourselves booked for this year! That's if you will be doing "little" gigs at Christmas when you are international rock stars! (You never know!). Look forward to catching one of your gigs soon. Don't forget to put a gig list in the post!"

[News International Newspapers Ltd \(Christmas Party\)](#)

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"We are still buzzing after your dazzling performance at my 40th birthday party on Sunday!

From speaking to my guests after the event, they don't want to wait for the next "official" party occasion, instead they are insisting we invent one so we can have you back again as soon as possible!

Thanks also for all your hard work before the event in putting together the programme for me there are many organisations who could learn a thing or two about customer service from your approach and attention to detail.

Please feel free to give my number to any of your prospective clients should they wish to reference a (very!) satisfied customer."

[Shaun McConnell \(40th Birthday Party\)](#)

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"I wanted to drop you a brief note to say a big thank you to yourself and the band for playing at our 50th Party.

It was no mean feat to get so many Lotus staff actually on the dance floor! I thoroughly enjoyed the music and numerous people have come up to me since the event and said how much they enjoyed the band, so well done chaps. I hope to see you play in Norwich again soon and rest assured that if I have another event to organise, you'll be getting a phone call Thanks again for all your efforts."

[Lotus Cars Ltd \(50th Anniversary Party\)](#)

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"Sorry it's taken so long to write and thank you, but better late than never eh?

We really can't thank you enough for the fantastic performance at our reception. We thought you were absolutely brilliant, and so did our guests. Everyone commented on how good you were, and wanted to know where we found you.

Also, we'd like to thank you for the way you handled the whole thing. Right from the start we were really happy with the way you managed the booking. Your friendly professionalism and helpfulness was really comforting. You were really great fun to deal with and we were always totally confident about your contribution to our day, and you proved us right, we had nothing to worry about. We wouldn't hesitate recommending you to anyone - in fact we'd probably go out of our way to persuade them to book you.

We also loved the fan club newsletters and bits and bobs that came through the door - they made us hoot. We will definitely be catching up with you at your gigs whenever we can, thanks again for everything."

[Mr and Mrs Harrison \(Wedding Reception\)](#)

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"A quick note to thank you and all of the members of the Top Hat Band for a great performance at our wedding at Clandon Park on 17th June. They played a great set — skillfully constructed — in a challenging venue. The Band played a key part in the overwhelming success of the whole day, I'm just waiting for an excuse to need a band again!"

[Micaela and Mark Mannering-Smith \(Wedding\)](#)