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## [Calgary's Prime Time Big Band Poised to Release CD](#)

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### **Calgary's Prime Time Big Band Celebrates CD Release**

Nobody can say Calgarians don't love their Big Band music. No matter how scarce venues get and times lean for large music ensembles and their fans, there are always a group of dedicated musicians who come together to play for the love of the music, and there is always a loyal group of followers cheering them on.

Such is the case with one of Calgary's most successful groups, the Prime Time Big Band, who have been sharing the music experience with audiences in local clubs & venues for over a dozen years. Under the direction of Dave Jones, the band has been growing its repertoire, sharpening its sound, and attracting a membership of some of the finest players on the scene, firmly establishing itself as the premier Big Band in the city.

The band is about to join the Canadian recording industry as they launch their debut *for our friends*, a selection of fourteen tracks featuring a mix of compositions from composers of the era such as Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer & Duke Ellington; as well as contemporary composers Don Menza and Diane Schuur, among this collection. There's also a standout Canadian presence with the inclusions from the pens of clarinet master Phil Nimmons; Vancouver trombonist Jill Townsend; and Edmonton alto saxophonist PJ Perry, who contributes the title cut.

Included among the Prime Time Big Band's ranks are the rhythm section of Derek Stoll (piano), Kai Poscente (bass), and John de Waal (drums), as well as guitarists Keith Smith and Ralf Buschmeyer, who share duties. The horn section includes such greats as trumpeters Al Muirhead and Bob Day; saxophonists Pat Belliveau, Richard Harding, Eric Friedenberg, and Jim Brennan; and trombonist Brian Walley, who all make featured solo appearances on the album. Vocalist Shari Chaskin, who has been performing with the group for most of its tenure, graces the album with her top-drawer performances both on the live gigs and on four of the CD's tracks, while JUNO award-winner PJ Perry, who often makes the drive down from Edmonton to perform with the band, also makes a guest appearance on the recording.

To celebrate the official CD release, the group is hosting an event at the Red & White Club on Nov 23, from 7-10 pm. The evening's celebration includes a live performance by the band, as well as an opportunity to purchase the new CD, and have it autographed by the performers.

Tickets for the corporate/casual event are \$25, and includes hors d'ouvres. There will also be a cash bar available.

Tickets will be available online at [www.primetimebigband.com](http://www.primetimebigband.com) as of Monday, Oct. 23, or you can drop down to the band's bi-monthly Big Band Brunch gig at Amsterdam Rhino, at 607 - 11 Ave SW and purchase your tickets there.

for more information visit [www.primetimebigband.com](http://www.primetimebigband.com)

Thursday, Nov 23 7-10 pm  
Prime Time Big Band / CD Release Party  
The Red & White Club / Calgary  
1833 Crowchild Trail NW

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