

# The Sound Effect

Bringing a Wide Variety of Live Music to Silicon Valley & the Bay Area

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With a record of getting everyone on the dance floor and keeping them there, versatility would be the standout word in describing The Sound Effect. Our unique blend of rock and jazz musicians allows us to play a broad variety of music which appeals to almost any audience. Serving Silicon Valley and the Bay Area since 2005, this 7-piece group provides a wide variety of music for both dancing and listening. As a previous client told us, *"It's nearly impossible to provide ageless music which gets people from their teens through their 80s on the dance floor. The Sound Effect has excelled at this challenge."*

We focus on danceable rock, pop and R&B tunes from the 60s through today, but our repertoire also includes disco, motown, soul, funk, ballads, jazz standards and even a sprinkling of music from the 40's big band era. With a balanced mix of jazz and rock musicians, we gel as a unit to provide a diverse set that can be tailored to any audience. We frequently begin events with our jazz quartet during cocktails and dinner, leading up to the full band to keep the dance floor hopping.

Our four-piece rhythm section lays down a groove to get you onto the dance floor, while our vocalists and saxophonist add their unique color to the rhythm canvas, providing an unparalleled variety which will keep everyone dancing throughout your event.

## About Us

The Sound Effect began coming to fruition when Scott and Dave, now the sax player and keyboardist for The Sound Effect, got together one evening in 2004 and began discussing where they next wanted to go musically. They had played together with various Big Bands since the early 1990's, but had a common interest in starting a project that spanned a wider variety of genres. A mix of the jazz that they had been performing with other groups and the rock they grew up with became the foundation of The Sound Effect. Scott and Dave examined the song styles and song lists of other popular bands throughout the US that featured a similar variety of musical genres. The result of this study was the initial song list on which The Sound Effect would concentrate.

Once the general decision on genres and styles was determined, the next month was spent determining the initial 100 songs in the song list. Scott and Dave studied the songs most requested of other bands and DJs, and the initial song list represents the most requested musical variety available. Following that, three solid months were spent writing arrangements of the initial song list, with a focus on arranging to take advantage of the instrumentation and vocal color of the band. The recruitment process also occurred during this time to fill the remaining slots in the group. In order to accomplish the desired variety in the group and not recruit solely from their contacts in the jazz world, it was decided to advertise for and hold open auditions for vocalists and the remainder of the rhythm section. The auditions were held, and the results are the current embodiment of The Sound Effect, consisting of female & male vocalists, guitar, keyboard, bass, drums and sax.

The rhythm section consists of a keyboard player, bassist and drummer, all of whom come from a jazz background, and a guitarist who comes from a rock background. To this rhythm foundation, a jazz-oriented sax player is added, along with both jazz and rock-oriented vocalists. The vocalists, along with the vocal abilities of the guitarist, create a varied and talented ensemble that offers a richness and depth rarely experienced from a local live band.

You can find out more about the individuals who comprise The Sound Effect by consulting the "ABOUT" page of our website.

*"The experience of forming and implementing a band of any size is a formidable challenge. What is most rewarding, perhaps, is the energy and enjoyment the Band has during rehearsals and performances. The fact that we have no ego problems and enjoy each other's company allows for a level of energy, excitement, and enjoyment in what we do that tends to be infectious for the crowds we play for."*

-Scott Switzer, founder and saxophonist.

## Partial Song List

(Please consult our website for a current song list.)

Rock & Roll / Pop	R&B / Soul / Funk	Ballads	Jazz Standards
1999 - Prince	Best Of My Love - The Emotions	Ain't No Sunshine - Bill Withers	All Of Me - Sarah Vaughan
Addicted To Love - Robert Palmer	Boogie on Reggae Woman - Stevie Wonder	Ain't No Woman - The Four Tops	All The Things You Are - Frank Sinatra
Ain't Too Proud To Beg - Temptations / Rolling Stones	Boogie Wonderland - EW&F	And I Love Her - The Beatles	Autumn Leaves - Nat King Cole
Bad Girls - Donna Summer	Celebration - Kool & The Gang	Angel Eyes - Nat King Cole	Beyond The Sea - Bobby Darin
Black Magic Woman - Santana	Chain Of Fools - Aretha Franklin	At Last - Etta James	Can't Help Falling In Love - Elvis Presley
Boogie Oogie Oogie - Taste Of Honey	Dancing In The Street - Martha Reeves	Crazy - Patsy Cline	Fly Me To The Moon - Frank Sinatra
Brick House - The Commodores	Every Day I Have The Blues - BB King	Georgia On My Mind - Ray Charles	For Sentimental Reasons - Nat King Cole
Bring Me Some Water - Melissa Etheridge	Fantasy - Earth Wind and Fire	Have I Told You Lately - Rod Stewart	Girl From Ipanema - Antonio Carlos Jobim
Brown Sugar - The Rolling Stones	Fire - The Pointer Sisters	I Left My Heart In SF - Tony Bennett	Harlem Nocturne - Duke Ellington
Burning Love - Elvis Presley	Get Down Tonight - KC & The Sunshine Band	I'll Be There - The Jackson Five	It Had To Be You - Frank Sinatra
Call Me - Blondie	Higher And Higher - Jackie Wilson	Misty - Sarah Vaughan	Just Friends - Bobby Darin
Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You - The Four Seasons	Higher Ground - Stevie Wonder	My Funny Valentine - Sarah Vaughan	Mack The Knife - Bobby Darin
Changes In Lattitudes - Jimmy Buffet	I Got You (I Feel Good) - James Brown	Since I Fell For You - Al Jarreau	Moon River - Andy Williams
China Grove - The Doobie Brothers	I Wish - Stevie Wonder	Tears In Heaven - Eric Clapton	New York, New York - Frank Sinatra
Everybody Needs Somebody - Wilson Pickett	I'm So Excited - The Pointer Sisters	Unforgettable - Nat Cole/Natalie Cole	Route 66 - Nat King Cole
Everyday People - Sly & The Family Stone	Just The Two Of Us - Bill Withers	What A Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong	
Fever - Peggy Lee	Ladies Night - Kool & The Gang	When I Fall In Love - Nat King Cole	
Freeze-Frame - J. Geils Band	Lady Marmalade - Patti LaBelle	Wonderful Tonight - Eric Clapton	
Heatwave - Martha Reeves	Let's Dance - David Bowie	You Send Me - Sam Cooke	
Hip To Be Square - Huey Lewis	Let's Get It On - Marvin Gaye		
Hit Me With Your Best Shot - Pat Benatar	Let's Groove - Earth, Wind & Fire		
Hit The Road Jack - Ray Charles	My Girl - The Temptations		
Honky Tonk Woman - The Rolling Stones	Play That Funky Music - Wild Cherry		
Hot Stuff - Donna Summer	Proud Mary - Credence Clearwater		
Isn't She Lovely - Stevie Wonder	Respect - Aretha Franklin		
I've Got The Music In Me - Kiki Dee	September - Earth Wind & Fire		
Johnny B. Goode - Elvis Presley	Soul Man - Sam & Dave		
Jumpin' Jack Flash - The Rolling Stones	Stand By Me - Ben E. King		
La Isla Bonita - Madonna	Stop In The Name Of Love - The Supremes		
Le Freak - Chic	Stormy Monday - James Brown		
Long Cool Woman In A Black Dress - The Hollies	Super Freak - Rick James		
Louie Louie - The Kingsmen	Unchain My Heart - Joe Cocker		
Love Shack - B52s	Will It Go Round In Circles - Billy Preston		
Margaritaville - Jimmy Buffet			
Mony Mony - Tommy James & The Shondells			
Old Time Rock & Roll - Bob Seger			
Peter Gunn - Henry Mancini			
Power Of Love - Huey Lewis			
Rock And Roll All Night - Kiss			
Rock The Boat - Hues Corporation			
Short Skirt / Long Jacket - Cake			

## Booking Information

Whether you select items from our "A La Carte" menu or go for an additional discount with a "Combination Platter", our goal is to provide you and your guests with a day of fond memories that will last a lifetime. We fully understand the stress that is encountered when undertaking a major event and want to work with you as much as possible ahead of time to ensure that the last thing you'll need to worry about during the event is the band. All prices assume your location is within 50 miles of San Jose. For events more than 50 miles from San Jose, an additional transportation fee applies.

### A La Carte Menu

#### The Sound Effect Band

A multi-piece band (vocalist, sax, guitar, bass, keyboard, drums) featuring a mix of rock/pop, R&B/soul/funk, jazz and ballads. Our vocalists will bring the crowd to their feet as our interpretations of favorites from yesterday and today spur fond memories from your guests. We interact with the crowd to provide an electrifying experience for everyone. You can specify the songs you want and the order in which you want them performed, specify a 'must play' list of songs you want performed at some time during the engagement, or allow us to select the songs based on the response from the crowd. Please consult our website for current pricing.

#### The Sound Effect Trio / Quartet

For more subtle background music featuring more jazz songs and slow rock tunes, The Sound Effect Trio or Quartet can provide your event with music during the cocktail hour and dinner, or when music is not the feature of your event. The trio consists of keyboard, bass and drums. The quartet adds a saxophone to the instrumentation. Please consult our website for current pricing.

#### Special Song Requests

When booking The Sound Effect Band, we are happy to work up arrangements of special songs you'd like to request, given that we have sufficient advance time to create the arrangements and rehearse them. We are happy to work up one special request for the third hour of band time booked at no extra charge, or two songs for a four hour booking.

#### Combination Platters

**Platinum** - 1 ½ hours of The Sound Effect Quartet for cocktails and/or dinner, followed by 4 hours of The Sound Effect Band. Please consult our website for current pricing and additional details.

**Gold** - 1 ½ hours of The Sound Effect Quartet for cocktails and/or dinner, followed by 3 hours of The Sound Effect Band. Please consult our website for current pricing and additional details.

**Silver** - 1 hour of The Sound Effect Quartet for cocktails and/or dinner, followed by 2 hours of The Sound Effect Band. Please consult our website for current pricing and additional details.