



About HBB

Heartland Boogie Band (HBB) performs the Greatest Music Ever Made - hits of Today through the 70's. Top dance tunes from current artists such as Dua Lipa, Lizzo, DNCE, Ed Sheeran, Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Justin Timberlake, Bruno Mars, Daft Punk, Christina Aguilera, Jonas Brothers, and Portugal the Man, plus hit songs from Chicago, Whitney Houston, Kool & the Gang, The Doobie Brothers, Heart, Joan Jet, Stevie Wonder, Donna Summer, The Bee Gees, KC & the Sunshine Band, Aretha Franklin, Tower of Power, and Blood Sweat & Tears.

Featuring 4 lead vocalists and a full, 3 piece dynamic horn section, HBB plays this great music as it was originally meant to be played.

With a combined more than 150 years of professional music experience, Heartland Boogie Band is truly one of the premier horn bands in the Midwest.

Brief History

In the mid 70's, MacNasty, a popular local horn band, played Top 40 cover songs in the Omaha area. Most of the members were attending UNO at the time. After graduation, jobs, marriages and family happened, and the band broke up, as the original members scattered across the country with their new lives.

In 2003, Gery Illgner, the MacNasty keyboard player, decided to get a band together in Kansas City for a one night stand for a surprise birthday, which reunited 5 of the 7 original members.

That night resurrected Gery's love of music and he has been playing with "One Night Stand" in KC ever since.

10 years later, Tim Brechbill, a MacNasty sax player, organized a MacNasty reunion gig with all 7 of the original members getting back together in Omaha, traveling from New York, California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Kansas. Amazingly everyone had continued in some fashion with their love of music. After nearly 40 years since they last played together, and with 2 short rehearsals, things felt like the old days.

When Tim retired from Union Pacific, he was ready to get back into a horn band and coerced Gery, and Joel Edwards from the original MacNasty, and still in the Omaha area, to join him in 2018 as the heart of Heartland Boogie Band.

They are joined by 6 exceptionally talented local musicians, Ashley Struebing, Clarke Edson, Rich Felt, Tim Miklas, Chris Johnson, and Mike De Luca, and are having a blast playing the greatest music ever made.