

St. Lucie Tropical Jazz Band

Our goal is to preserve and perform great music while educating audiences on the richness of Latin Jazz.



A harmonic blend of jazz and Afro-Caribbean rhythms.

St. Lucie Tropical Jazz is an exciting Latin Jazz Big Band from St. Lucie County, Florida. Their focus is to blend the joyful, grooving Latin styles and musical traditions with the richness of jazz harmonies, to forge a vibrant sound that just sizzles. This pool of impressive and talented musicians always thrill audiences with their infectious polyrhythmic grooves, harmonic colorings, and improvisational flights. The voracious drive of the band fuels the thrilling, surprising arrangements by mixing modern and traditional grooves with fluid ease.

The band's influences come from the musical styles of the many different cultures which come together under the umbrella of Afro-Caribbean music. *Tropical Jazz* is the only band in Saint Lucie who has incorporated a Bebop foundation into their playing and expounded on the Latin jazz vocabulary with modern sensibility and style. The group is led by Grammy Award winner, band leader and pianist Robert Navarro.

Fulfilling A Vision...

Our mission is to create an environment through music and the arts that will foster, challenge, motivate and help develop local musicians in their musical aspirations.

The Port Saint Lucie *Tropical Jazz Band* is a diverse, all-volunteer community band whose mission is to provide high-quality and challenging musical experiences for its members. We seek to provide an opportunity for life-long musical expression and enjoyment, promoting artistic enrichment in our community, and preserve the rich repertoire and cultural history of jazz and Afro-Caribbean rhythms.

Preserving History While Building a Legacy...

The band is made up of both professional and music students from the Treasure Coast area. It consists of 18 members and it serves to enrich, educate and entertain the general public through live performances. It also serves to provide a source of cultural pride for music lovers in South Florida and around the world.



Music that... moves, inspires and sizzles!



*Music
DIRECTOR*



Robert Navarro is an accomplished New York City performer with more than 25 years of experience as a professional pianist, teacher, arranger and producer. Mr. Navarro holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) from The City College of New York and a Master of Arts (MA) from New York University. He has also studied at Mannes College The New School for Music (Extension Division for Jazz Studies), and Manhattan School of Music (Classical Studies).

On September 2004 he produced a Grammy winning album for Conjunto Clasico. On December 2007 he received a Grammy as an arranger with Bobby Cruz Romanticos de Ayer, Hoy y Siempre Song Evidencia. On April 2011 he received an award from the Treasure Coast International Film Festival for the musical arrangement of the song *City Within a Dream* for Best Original Song in a Motion Picture.

Bookings
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