

# NEW YORK CITY SWING

# REVIEWS

**August 1, 2014**

There are no words to describe the incredible sound that was coming from your very talented band members on Friday night! The band was excellent and the vocals were fantastic. The guests at our party were speechless. By the amount of people on the dance floor, all night, it was quite evident that everyone had a fabulous evening. We knew from the moment we heard you, at a showcase, that NYC Swing was the perfect band for our party and you did not disappoint. Thank you for also allowing my son and his friends to perform for us, as well as, our dear friend Edith. It was very meaningful. We received so many compliments on the band. The overwhelming compliment was "it was the best wedding band we have ever heard"! We will definitely recommend NYC Swing to others. Thank you for your professionalism, your talent and for making our party so memorable!

Melissa M.

**July 26, 2014**

Unbelievable!!! I have to tell you guys how amazing you [Uptown Swing] were on Saturday. I don't know how to say thank you enough.

You made our day amazing. I will forever be grateful. Thank you with all my heart. You are all the most talented and passionate musicians I have ever seen. Beyonce who???? ;)

Sara S.

**July 5, 2014**

**DORE AND TIM:** There are not enough words to convey how amazing you guys made our night! Wow! From the first moment at the ceremony, to the very last bang at the end of the night, we were thrilled with NYC Swing! The ceremony was so beautiful with the flute and guitar. We loved the poignancy of the pairing and the sparse and delicate timber the pairing brought to the ceremony, and it still filled the space! I loved it so much and it really made the entrance magical. We are sorry to say that we completely missed the cocktail hour! The ceremony was so much longer than we thought it would be and between taking a break and taking photos, we just missed the whole thing. Our guests told us that the music was perfect for cocktail hour and that the musicians were amazing! As for the reception - it was everything we wanted and more! We had hoped that we would have a party where people could not stop dancing and we did!! It was so amazing to see our friends and family going nuts on the dance floor! I have never seen my mom dance and it was amazing! We had countless guests tell us how you guys were the best band they had ever experienced at a wedding! And the best compliments were the ones that came from our friends who are musicians who said it was the best band! If you heard Andrews dads speech, you know that I'm a violinist, and I have to tell you I was extremely picky about bands. From the very beginning I told Andrew that there were two things that were priorities for me. My dress, and the band. Haha. Once I found you guys, I was extremely happy and I was so impressed with the stage presence your band had. So many bands looked so bored when they had a showcase, and I was really disappointed. Music should have some emotion involved! When we went to the showcase with Andrews sister, we knew immediately that you guys were the right fit for us. We couldn't stop dancing and it was so clear that you would heighten the exuberant joy at our wedding. Our guests were blown away by the breadth of music you played, and how good you guys were at switching between totally different genres! Although, I have to say I was terrified when the hora started. I actually tried to slip out because I had forgotten all about it but alas, a wall formed

around me and I ended up in the dreaded chair. But once I got used to it, it was pretty amazing! As for the first dance song, it was beautiful. We had neglected to take dance lessons so we were pretty nervous about awkwardly dancing in front of everyone important to us. But once the music started, it was so beautiful and soulful, all those concerns slipped away. I love love that song and it was absolutely perfect for us. I wish I could have danced more, the entire night was so short! All of our guests said it was amazing how packed the dance floor was the whole night. It was truly the most fun we've ever had at a wedding! I'm glad it was our wedding!!! Thank you thank you thank you for an incredible night that we can't forget.

Mari-e & Andrew

**May 31, 2014**

I was at my friend's wedding last weekend and I wanted to say that your band was amazing! It seemed it was all we talked about after the reception besides how happy the bride and groom were! I was amazed when the groom's table sang an impromptu version of "I Want You (She's So Heavy)" by the Beatles and the keyboardist, guitarist and bassist just jumped right into that immediately! Especially since it's not a more popular Beatles song, it amazed me how they picked it up and joked how it was a tough act to follow! I've never heard Don't Stop Believin' sound so funky and fresh for a song you always hear on the radio. Plus that was the best performance of Shout I have ever heard! The singer was dancing with us and in the crowd. I like how he made fun of the old guys who couldn't get as low as us young people! He really brought energy to the song. You guys seamlessly transitioned from one song to another and jumping through different genres of music. You guys are simply the best!

Chris (Catherine & Drew's Wedding)

**May 25, 2014**

To New York City Swing: After my wedding on Sunday, May 25th, all my new wife and I can say is: WOW!! You guys made the wedding. Everyone had a great time and many guests said it was the best wedding they'd ever attended. This is all thanks to you guys. The band was great and the singers were DYNAMIC! We expected a band, but instead found ourselves in the middle of a professional concert. Thank you so much for making the Rosendorf/Garfinkel wedding a perfect day.

Sue & Mark

**May 25, 2014**

Alex & Dore, Thank you so much for the most amazing wedding! The band teared the roof off! I have been getting compliments left and right about how great the band was. "The best wedding band I've ever seen." "It was like part concert, part wedding band." "I've never danced so much at a wedding." "I don't dance at weddings, but I danced at this one!" Also Alex, the arrangement you put together for our first dance song (Jamiroquai) was perfect. We were very impressed. Thanks again!

All our best,  
Corina & Larry

**May 24, 2014**

Thank you for the spectacular performance at our daughter's Bat Mitzvah on May 17, 2014. We had the time of our lives. New York City Swing was nothing short of spectacular. The music was even better than the last time you entertained us which I didn't think could be topped. Dore works hard to customize the event and it is apparent how much he cares about us as clients. Dore started it off very strong - could not have started stronger - and it got better from there. Every player and vocalist contributed mightily and oh how we loved the brass. The rhythm section was great too. And we spoke with a number of the musicians and they could not have been kinder or more gracious. It was a long trip for them and you would have thought we were doing it in New York. Dozens of our adult guests told us how spectacular New York City Swing was and the kids saw that live music tops the DJ sound they are used to hearing. (At least when the live music is from New York City Swing!) The kids loved the incredible sound of songs that they know that are new and fresh. New York City Swing is as current as it gets. And every song we requested was played! Again, many, many thanks!! Can't wait to work with you again.

Stephen M. Miller

**May 24, 2014**

RIDICULOUS! Absolutely amazing! New York City Swing was everything that we had envisioned - AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!! We got married on Saturday May 24th at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation. All of our guests are still talking about how amazing, interactive and "over the top" New York City Swing was! They had the dance floor packed the entire night. Dory and Tim were great to work with - organized, responsive, and truly professional. They know exactly what it takes to keep the dance floor packed and guests bouncing around - there is absolutely no need to give them song suggestions or any guidance. Roz was able to get every single person in the room on the dance floor with her energy and charm! Bigz is truly spectacular and will leave your guests absolutely blown away. We would recommend New York City Swing to anyone and everyone who is interested in having the best band in NY at their wedding.

Brette & Adam

**May 17, 2014**

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And we talked to a lot of the musicians and they could not have been kinder or more gracious. It was a long trip for them and you would have thought we were doing it in New York.

I will follow up with more thoughts and reaction, but suffice it to say we will definitely get a testimonial up on the Facebook page. We already have some photographs from the photographer and I hope we can help contribute to your seeing more gigs in the Baltimore/Washington area.

Best to all,

Steve, Robin and Rachel

**February 23, 2014**

Thank you soooo... much for everything--the band's great sound and your horn solos for Uncle Lenny. Someone said they saw a tear in his eye as he listened. You must have really touched his heart. And as you saw, my sister and I really enjoyed dancing to your music.

'Till we meet again, love and keep the music playing :-)

Barbara DeLuca

**December 31, 2013**

David and I cannot thank you enough for providing us with the best possible music of any wedding we have been to. We had the most amazing night of our lives and that was made in large part by you and your band bringing it the ENTIRE night. The energy was perfect, you really played to the crowd and we are still overwhelmed by the level of talent and professionalism from everyone at Uptown Swing. All of our family and friends are still amazed by you guys and have been asking "Where did you find this band?!?!" We will provide endless referrals, forever, AND god willing you are still around at the time of our children's bat mitzvah's we'll be booking you- HA!

Thank you again for everything. We couldn't be happier with our decision to book you immediately after that showcase. You were the first and only band we considered.

Lots of love,

Taylor & David

**December 7, 2013**

Hope you are well and had a wonderful and prosperous holiday season. This is late, but I wanted to send a huge thanks to you and your amazing team.

You guys did such a great job for us at the Member Christmas Party and the Employee Party and we really do appreciate it! There was nothing but 100% positive feedback for both events. Members said it was the best party in 50+ years and NYC Swing played a part in that.

Once I find out the date for next year's Member Christmas Party, I'll give you a call to lock down NYC Swing.

Looking forward to having some fun in 2014!

Wamrly,

Maggie Barragan

Private Event Manager

Wee Burn Country Club

**November 23, 2013**

Thank you SO much for your amazing talent! Our wedding was incredible and NYC Swing kept the dance floor PACKED the entire night of our wedding. You are by far the best band I have ever heard and I am not biased – everyone at our wedding has told us that. They are STILL talking about you guys. Guests were even taking video of the band. You are professional, extremely talented and SO MUCH FUN! Thanks again for everything!

With gratitude,

Hillary and Aharon



**November 9, 2013**

The band at our wedding was absolutely amazing.

I was hesitant to book a large band because I didn't see the value it would bring compared to a smaller 5-7 piece group. I approached this process knowing that a DJ would be fine, but if you want to have a more memorable wedding, a live band is best and a 5-7 piece group would be a nice touch. The group that we had was above and beyond much better than "a nice touch". Next to the food (which Seasons is known for) everyone raved about the band.

I will tell you people danced who I never would have thought would, the music was amazing and the way Dore MC'ed, the night was flawless. If you have any couples (or grooms) who are on the fence about moving from a DJ or smaller piece band to a larger one, please feel free to use me as a reference. I would certainly do it the same way again if I could and it was well worth the money.

Thanks again for a fantastic party.  
Karlie & Nick

**October 26, 2013**

Uptown Swing was AMAZING!!!!!! They were on fire – the dance floor was packed from the first set to the last. Our meeting with Mick was wonderful. He listened to our likes and dislikes and the song list reflected that. I can't wait to write a glowing review on Facebook and WeddingWire for you!

Thank you for a wonderful night and an overall exceptional experience!  
Nora & Dave

**October 26, 2013**

We wanted to reach out to say a huge THANK YOU for helping make our wedding celebration a huge success. The music was FABULOUS and you kept the dance floor jammin' all night long. It was the perfect mix of mellow moments & fabulous dance moments. We've heard so many compliments and feedback on how "awesome" the band was.

We agree!!! Thank you!!  
Sara & Randy

**October 26, 2013**

We couldn't have been more thrilled! Big City Swing was sensational!!! Everyone has been commenting on what a fabulous party it was! Thank you so much!!!  
Cathy L. for Kelly & Devon

**October 25, 2013**

Wow, Dore - you and the entire New York City Swing are superb!!!! You are amazing and created magic! Courtney and Vinal's wedding was spectacular thanks to you. You got everyone to dance the entire night and your performance and interaction with our guests was more than I could ever imagine. Words can not describe our gratitude - you created memories that will be with all of us forever.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.  
Alona

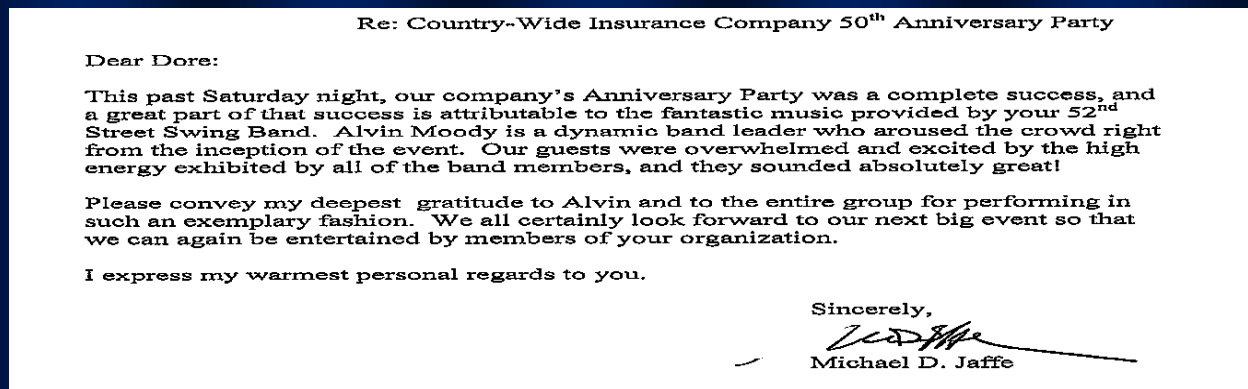
**October 19, 2013**

My husband and I were not easy when it came to the music for our wedding. We each had some very specific requests for certain songs--whether it was walking down the aisle, dancing with our mother or father or entering the reception. We also made it clear that all generations needed to be represented when it came to the songs played. Not only did Phil come to our apartment and listen to all our 'requirements', he respected them completely. He even checked in on us a few days before, just to make sure we were doing alright! In the end, the music perfectly represented the party we hoped to throw except...it far exceeded our expectations.



Phil and his band-mates were amazing. They played and sang non-stop. They looked like they were having a great time, which really meant that all of our guests could let loose and have an incredible time. Our dance floor was packed. Everyone that we have spoken with in the month since has said that our band was above and beyond incredible. So many have commented that they have never before encountered a band as great as ours and they had the most wonderful time dancing and listening to the music. From start to finish, Big City Swing was the best decision we made when it came to planning our wedding. Thank you SO much!  
Julie & Brandon

**September 28, 2013**



**September 10, 2013**

I hate the word "Awesome" but there is no better word to describe your performance the other night. This was an adult party for our 50th wedding anniversary and your team was what made it work.

We have had dozens of calls from attendees and everyone commented on how great the music was. People who have not danced in years got up on the floor and couldn't sit down. You picked up on the songbook suggestions we sent you, augmented it with some great performances and responded to requests with each piece sounding great. Roz Brown is an unbelievably great talent and Dore is the life of the group. Every musician was first class. Our party planner who had suggested New York City Swing to us was a guest at the party and she was relieved and as impressed as the rest of us. The coordination with the hotel staff was terrific. This was an event to remember. Not sure about the second coming of our 50th but we certainly hope to use your group in the future and to suggest them to others. Thanks for an awesome evening.  
Donna & Malcolm

### September 1, 2013

Dore and Tim- Thanks so much for making my wedding a huge success! I absolutely loved working with you guys during every step of the planning process, and wow, you really delivered. Roz absolutely nailed our first dance song, which is a very difficult song to perform. I love her for that. Nikki and Roz were such a powerful female duo for all of my favorite songs, DreDre performed the heck out of Billy Jean and Jimi and Tim covered many decades of music with ease and skill. The musicians were fantastic and kept their energy up all night long. The dance floor was always packed. I can't say enough wonderful things about you guys. Guests walked up to me all night long and raved about you and I told them all that the very top criteria for my entire wedding was to book NYC Swing! It really was and I am so grateful that I did. I will definitely be bringing you guys business since all of my guests are still talking about you weeks later...one bridesmaid said that when she gets engaged, the one thing she knows she's going to do is book you. I'll miss working with you guys!

Melissa & Craig

### August 31, 2013

We wanted to thank you and the other band members for making our wedding night one to remember! Y'all were absolutely amazing - we are still receiving compliments about how GREAT our band was! :)

I wanted to thank you for your time and for your performance the night of the wedding- we couldn't have asked for anything more! I'd love to write y'all a review- let me know which site you prefer and I would be happy to write something up about how wonderful our experience was with NYC Swing.

Thank you again!

Shea & Tommy

### July 27, 2013

A belated thank you to you and the entire crew! We just got back from Hawaii and this is our first opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for an incredible night. We had the best time! And just as important, our guests had an absolute blast. We received endless compliments on the spectacular 15-piece band, song selections, and overall energy of NYC Swing. You guys rock! Thank you. We are forever grateful,

Deb & Alby

### July 20, 2013

Dear Team!

The Engagement Party was a great 'Gatsby' success thanks to all of you!

I cannot thank all of you enough for your hard work and dedication to this event!

In the words of The Family, the night was "EPIC!"

Thank you again and I look forward to working with all of you again soon!

Christine Paul, CSEP

Christine Paul Events, Inc.

**July 6, 2013**

Dore and Tim and the team at NYC Swing are the best! We booked them right away after seeing them perform at a friend's wedding. It was the simplest decision we made during the wedding process. We chose a very obscure song for our first dance and the band learned the song in the exact way that we had wanted it played. Tim came to our apartment before the wedding and sat down with us to figure out what songs we wanted played at different points of the wedding. Once we met with him we felt so relaxed - the wedding had become so real! They helped us figure out the best configuration of pieces for the band within our budget and when the day of the wedding came, they blew everyone away. The venue had a stage which made it difficult for the band to interact with the guests but they made a point to come down to the dance floor and party with us. The energy was amazing the whole night and they truly knew what songs worked with the crowd. I had a whole list of songs that I wanted played and they did their best to play the favorites. I learned that the band knew better than me - so just let them do their thing - it will be amazing if you do! You will not be disappointed with this rocking band!!!

Jaime & Steven

**June 29, 2013**

This band is the absolute best. They will keep your guests dancing the entire night. I know today most people use a DJ but there is nothing like an excellent band to add that special flavor to your celebration. My guests were blown away by the music, the floor was always packed. Those that were not dancers were equally entertained by the showmanship of the musicians. This is a top ten band, if you're looking for a band, don't look anywhere else.

Mia W. for Noelle and Jaime on [WeddingWire.com](http://WeddingWire.com)

**June 9, 2013**

To say that they were beyond amazing would be an understatement. It has been a month and people are still talking about how incredible the band was. They were very amenable to any musical requests and even learned 3-4 songs specifically for us. They were friendly, outgoing, and absolute super stars.

Dana & Daniel on [WeddingWire.com](http://WeddingWire.com)

**June 1, 2013**

Tim, I just wanted to thank you and your band again for an amazing wedding. You guys really made the night special and everyone has been telling us how the band was incredible or was the best wedding band they have ever seen. We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate it and are grateful you made this night so wonderful for us and all our friends and family. Is it possible to get a copy of the song playlist for us to have?

Thanks!

Leslie & Jeff



### **May 25, 2013**

Wow....What a party! What a band!!! Phil, you & the band absolutely made Jake's Bar Mitzvah Party on Saturday night. You exceeded our expectations in every way; the whole band was absolutely amazing! Please thank each and every member, especially the two lead female vocalists and let them know they rocked!!!!

Jake will have a lifetime of memories from his special night, not only of enjoying the fantastic music but also of sitting in with the band, playing his guitar with band members and his friends too.

The young guitarist who sang the alternative rock songs, particularly Green Day -- Jake's favorite band -- was awesome! We were so impressed with the diversity of music you covered, from the R & B mainstays we love, to the Beatles, to alternative rock, to the up-to-the-minute pop songs Jake requested. Just unbelievable!!!! Thank you for MAKING THE PARTY!

Warm Regards,

Jessica Randall (Zimmermann)

P.S. We have two more sons after Jake. Two more Bar Mitzvah parties to throw. You're hired!!!

### **May 18, 2013**

I just wanted to say thank you as Big City Swing brought the house down Saturday night! They were absolutely fantastic! Phil was amazing, he listened to everything we wanted, entertained the crowd of all ages and even learned my favorite Pitbull song in 2 weeks!!!! I couldn't have asked for a better night!!!!!! I knew when I heard them they would be fantastic, but they far exceeded Josh and my expectations... We keep getting calls from everyone talking about how amazing they were. I can't thank you enough :)  
Josh & Nicola

### **February 16, 2013**

I wish I could give 10 stars! We got married at the Colony Club on the Upper East Side in February 2013 and NYC Swing made our wedding! Upon our first meeting with Tim, my husband and I knew that we were in talented and amazing hands. It felt like a really great and easy collaboration from day one with Tim. From a string quartet playing the Beatles during our ceremony to the whole band bringing every guest onto the dance floor to Motown/80's favorites during the reception, every single band member was beyond incredible! Dore and Tim are truly experts in their field and were so gracious and easy to work with in every respect. It has been OVER A YEAR since we got married and friends/guests still come up to us saying "that band at your wedding was seriously awesome". I feel so lucky to have had them be such an integral part in making our wedding day truly amazing!!!

Mary & Mike

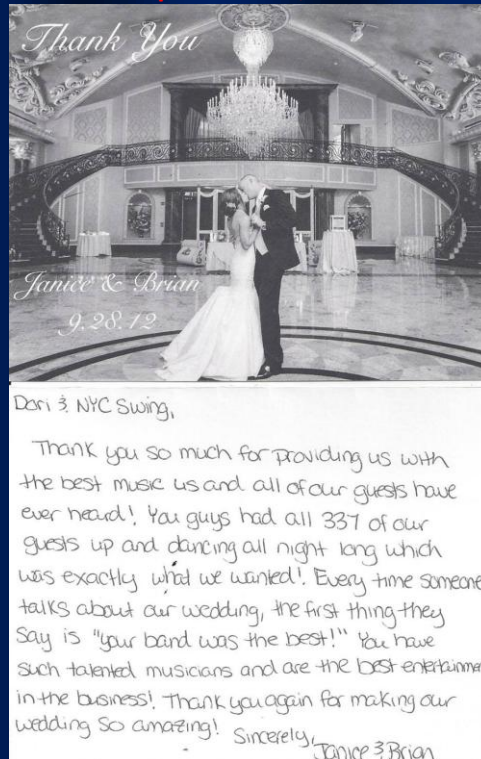
### **November 3, 2012**

NYC Swing is absolutely incredible and was the talk of all of our guests! We hired them after seeing them my best friend's wedding and realized it was the most fun and best dancing we had ever had at a wedding.

48 hours before our wedding, my husband and I were forced to relocate our wedding from NJ to DC because of Hurricane Sandy - something I said I would only do if NYC Swing would make the trip. My friends and family thought I was crazy -- in the midst of relocating my wedding it was the band I was obsessed over. But then they all heard the band at our wedding, had the time of their lives, and understood why NYC Swing is so incredible. There really is no equivalent band out there - they are simply amazing.

Debra & Jonah from WeddingWire.com

**September 28, 2012**



**September 2, 2012**

I used NYC Swing for my wedding, and I would 100% recommend them. We had a relatively large wedding of about 230 guests. About 130 of the guests were between 23-27 years old so we really wanted a band that would play lively music that would keep everyone on the dance floor.

Dore and his band 100% lived up to, and even exceeded, those expectations. We had made a list of about 50 songs (mostly R&B and dance music) for him and the band and they played all of them. Dore was also very flexible with his schedule, allowing us to meet with him several times before our wedding.

Wedding bands are expensive, but in my opinion, they are the most important driver of a great wedding. At our wedding, the dance floor was packed out the entire night and all I've gotten since it has been compliments to how great the band was.

Jessica & Arie from WeddingWire.com

**January 20, 2012**

AMAZING!!!! Best band ever, they blew everyone away! They allow guests that know how to play instruments join them on stage, and they come out onto the dance floor to get everyone involved and excited! Voices were crazy, these people could all be famous solo artists, they were that good! If you are going with a band, New York City Swing is one classy decision that you will be proud of!

Courtney & Jeffrey from WeddingWire.com



**November 10, 2001**

Dear Dore and "New York City Swing",  
Thank you for the fabulous music" New York City Swing" performed for our wedding! You all did a tremendous job and set the perfect tone that night for a magical evening! We will never forget what a great time we had dancing the night away!

We also received and continue to receive many compliments on your band. You were a major hit with our family and friends!

Again, many thanks!  
Sincerely, Joanne & Roger



**August 21, 1998**

Dear Dore and the rest of NY City Swing,  
We cannot even begin to thank you for all of your efforts, at the Pleasantdale Chateau. You guys helped to give us our most treasured memory!

Special thanks to Perrita who's "RESPECT" got everyone on the dance floor, where they remained all night.

Thank you,  
Maria & Danny Vaccaro

**April 9, 2011**



**Joan Kathleen Snyder married Alex Andrew Kuhl**

The 14-piece band New York City Swing, led by Dore DeQuattro and featuring Gedeon McKinney from American Idol, was a showstopper. They brought our entire crowd to the dance floor all night. They impressed our guests with their talent and personality while performing every musical genre. My husband and I love to dance, so our goal was to create memories of laughter and love with our family and friends all evening.....  
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