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Maple Leaf Seven & **Swing North Big Band** & *Twilight Jazz Group*

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About Swing North Big Band:

Swing North is a classic 18-piece swing band with full instrumentation playing in the Basie/Ellington tradition. The band was founded in 1977 and has consistently engaged some of the finest musicians from across northern VT and NH.

Swing North generally rehearses on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September through June.

We don't play a lot of engagements during the year, but every engagement has a minimum per person payment of \$50.00 with occasional gigs paying \$100 per person. A typical performance season might include a holiday concert in December, First Night dance in St. Johnsbury or Swinging Epiphany Celebrations, a winter dance in January, a spring concert in April, a spring dance in June and perhaps a wedding during the summer.

Our principal vocalist requires a Mezzo / Baritone range. (Music director, Phil Brown, provides the tenor solos and occasional vocal harmonies/duets.) In addition to singing 8 to 10 numbers with the band during an engagement, our principal vocalist serves as announcer/MC – providing background information on pieces/composers, publicizing the band and sometimes introducing band members depending on the nature of the engagement.

A knowledge of swing era music/musicians and a background in jazz is helpful. Consideration will be given to singers who have instrumental skills and would be able to sub on a horn or rhythm part in the event of an open chair.

Please contact Phil Brown, music director, at stjjazz@stjjazz.com with any questions about the band.