

The Midnight Players' Band Bio



The Midnight Players are a premier R&B and Old School band based in Sacramento, California. Formed in 1977, the group still features founding members Rudy Betancourt (saxophones) and Michael Sellars (keyboards), whose passion and musicianship continue to drive the band's signature sound.

For decades, The Midnight Players have been delivering high-energy performances that bring audiences to their feet, covering the best dance grooves from the 1960s through the 2000s. Their ability to blend R&B, funk, and old school classics has made them a staple in the Sacramento and Northern California music scene.

Known as a household name in the region, the band has built a loyal and growing fan base, consistently drawing enthusiastic crowds to their shows. Over the years, they've shared the stage with legendary acts such as WAR, The S.O.S. Band, Midnight Star, Tierra, Brenton Wood, Con Funk Shun, The Bar-Kays, Dazz Band, Club Nouveau, Zapp, Heatwave, Rose Royce, and Lakeside.

From large concerts to weddings, private parties, and special events, The Midnight Players continue to bring timeless music and unforgettable performances to audiences who love to dance and celebrate.

The Midnight Players' Events



The Midnight Players continue to light up stages with timeless old-school hits from legendary artists like Earth, Wind & Fire, Kool & the Gang, Chaka Khan, Madonna, Frankie Beverly & Maze, and many more. Backed by a loyal fan base and over 30 years of tradition, they deliver a high-energy experience that audiences never forget.

For your convenience, The Midnight Players can provide a state-of-the-art P.A. sound system to ensure top-quality audio at any venue. They also offer professional DJ services upon request, keeping the music flowing seamlessly before the show and during breaks—so the energy never drops.

With decades of experience performing at corporate events, clubs, weddings, quinceañeras, concerts, and more, The Midnight Players know how to read a crowd and create an unforgettable atmosphere.

A proven entertainment powerhouse, they don't just play music—they ignite the dance floor. If you're looking to pack the house and keep your guests moving all night long, The Midnight Players are the band to make it happen.

The Midnight Players' Mission



Armed with a lineup of exceptionally talented singers and musicians, **The Midnight Players** deliver the rich, soulful sound of R&B with a level of authenticity that rivals the original artists themselves. Their performances capture the heart and energy of the genre, creating unforgettable musical experiences for every audience.

Business owners throughout the region consistently choose The Midnight Players to elevate their events—enhancing customer engagement, showcasing their brand, and providing top-tier entertainment that keeps guests coming back. Their continued demand is a testament to the value they bring, helping businesses foster loyalty, boost sales, and support long-term growth.

At the core of The Midnight Players' mission is a commitment to bringing people together. Through the universal language of music, they help public and private organizations unite communities, celebrate life, and create lasting memories.

Make your next event truly special—include The Midnight Players and give your guests an evening of entertainment they won't forget.

Past Shows



↑ Places & Venues Valensin Vineyard & Winery

- Harlow's
- Opera House Saloon
- Tilted Mash Brewing
- Thunder Valley Casino Resort
- Ace of Spades
- Powerhouse Pub

🏛️ Organizations & Media

- Folsom Chamber of Commerce
- Good Day Sacramento
- City of Sacramento

🎉 Events & Festivals

- Los Angeles Original Super Car Show
- Sacramento Banana Festival
- Hard Rock Casino Taco Festival
- Fiesta En La Calle Cinco De Mayo
- Elk Grove Multi-Cultural Festival
- Sacramento Mardi Gras Carnival
- Roseville Splash Corporate Event
- UFCW New Year's Eve Annual Event

Artists for Concerts

- War
- Tierra
- The Isley Brothers
- The S.O.S. Band
- Cameo
- Midnight Star
- Con Funk Shun
- Dazz Band
- Club Nouveau
- Klymaxx Band
- Rose Royce
- Lakeside
- Bar-Kays
- Heatwave
- Next
- Angie Stone
- Zapp

If you want, I can turn this into a **full event or concert series plan** (lineup schedule, venue matching, sponsorship strategy, etc.) or help you pitch it to places like City of Sacramento or Folsom Chamber of Commerce.

Facts



The Midnight Players have built a large and loyal fan base since their founding in 1977. Over the decades, the band has delivered memorable performances for a wide range of audiences, including celebrities, sports figures, political leaders, and influential historical figures such as Cesar Chavez.

Their enduring commitment to excellence has earned them multiple awards for Outstanding Band, with honors from charitable organizations as well as the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. Known for their versatility and crowd-pleasing performances, The Midnight Players continue to be a staple in the live entertainment scene.

FAQs



How far can you travel for an event?

We're happy to travel! Distance isn't usually an issue as long as it's a great opportunity for both parties. Feel free to reach out and we'll discuss the details.

Do you charge for setup time?

No—setup time is never an additional charge. Being punctual and prepared is part of our responsibility as a band.

How do I get a quote and check availability?

You can contact us anytime through this website, by phone, or via email. We'll get back to you as soon as possible with availability and pricing.

If you want, I can also tailor this to sound more formal, more high-energy, or more luxury depending on your target clients.