



BIOGRAPHY

The PLANET D NONET is a down & dirty little swing band from Detroit playing the classic swing music of Ellington & Strayhorn, Fletcher Henderson, Count Basie & Benny Carter as well as more modern jazz by Sun Ra and Pharoah Saunders...always with a Detroit twist. The Planet D Nonet is about swing, blues, space-age jazz and classic American songs all served up with plenty of good humor.

PD9 is Detroit's award winning swing band founded in 2007 by RJ Spangler and James O'Donnell, both original members of the well-known Detroit band, The Sun Messengers. The "D" in the name stands for Detroit. "Nonet" is a group of nine.

This phenomenal group can transition from scene to scene, spending one night playing a swing dance, the next at a concert performance at a small pub, and another as the entertainment at an art gallery. They're sure to bring it full on for the major JazzFests, bringing a Detroit twist and plenty of good humor, with an eye toward turning people on to this music.

Typically the band sticks with one genre at a given performance. Swing gigs involve speakeasy era jazz by Louis Armstrong & Mezz Mezzrow, to swing era tunes by Duke Ellington and Fletcher Henderson. The band can also do an entire concert Detroit of proto-R&B from Paul "Huckle-Buck" Williams or King Porter, as well as a tribute to the jump music of Louis Jordan. Or entire concert of space-age jazz from Sun Ra.

PD9 garnered a Detroit Music Award for *Best Jazz CD* in 2011 & *Best Traditional Jazz Band* at the 2013 DMA's!

The band have completed three tours of the southern US, appearing in ten different states, as well as an annual tour of western Michigan.

Check it out.

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