

◆Swingin'Wonderland JAZZ Orchestra

Swingin' Wonderland JAZZ Orchestra (SWJO) formed in 1991 in Kagawa Prefecture, Japan.

Comprised of the area's best musicians, and under the leadership of bandmaster and trumpeter Naoto Sekimoto, SWJO has been pursuing its ideal of being a full-fledged Swing jazz orchestra.

SWJO's magnetic appeal stems from its members' collective spirit to play dynamic Swing. Also, SWJO is boosted by a multitude of fans fascinated by the band's intellectual and warm sounds.

Structured as a formal organization, SWJO over the years has broadened and strengthened its musical activities and influence. Recognized in Japan as a successor of the music and tradition of big band jazz, SWJO conveys this great culture to subsequent generations.

Overseas performances at world-famous jazz clubs, such as Sweet Basil, Blue Note New York, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and so on, were highly evaluated in and out of Japan. Every summer for the past 17 years, SWJO has been the mainstay of Sunport Jazz Festival, playing against the backdrop of the sun setting over Japan's Inland Sea at Sunport Takamatsu.

January 1st, 2018, SWJO put on a hot performance at the legendary Birdland in New York. That was a great success and was featured on TV.

Co-star Artist:

The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra

Toshiko Akiyoshi Jazz Orchestra featuring Lew Tabackin

Dennis Mackrel, Dave Pietro, Mike Ponella, Helen Merrill, Randy Brecker, Lewis Nash

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