



Arlen Music Productions

**LIVE MUSIC
EXPERIENCE...
THAT TELLS YOUR STORY**

5 DANCE BANDS

Ken Arlen
EVOLUTION orchestra

Indigo

 **front OF HOUSE**

Entourage



Evolution Winner of the BizBash Entertainment Act of the Year, voted 2014-2021 Best Band by Better Magazine, and acknowledged by Chicago Magazine as the “Top Choice” for a dance band in the city, the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra has ignited thousands of special events with its unique style, stage presence and contemporary music selection. The Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra delivers an incredible energy geared for today’s brides and grooms! Imagine a band with 6 incredible vocalists, our Sirens rock violins, sizzling horns, and the tightest rhythm section in the country. Using the latest technology, this band is able to perform from any part of the room and make it sound like a live concert of the original artist.

Indigo As one of the hottest dance bands in Chicago, Indigo has been featured on New Year’s Eve at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas and has earned repeat performances at premier events in Chicago including the Lyric Opera and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Opening Galas, among others. Indigo is built upon young veteran talent hand-selected by producer Ken Arlen to bring an exciting presence and exuberant energy that our clients have come to expect from an Arlen Music experience. As the featured bandleader, vocalist, and consummate entertainer, Kendall Nesbitt is well known for his versatile talent, professionalism, smooth style, and innate ability to call a great dance party while incorporating a client’s vision. Along with his illustrious Grammy-nominated background as a vocalist, keyboardist, drummer, producer, and songwriter, Kendall also instills a fresh and authentically soulful sound into the full spectrum of Indigo’s already stellar repertoire.

Front of House A nine-piece group comprised of seasoned veterans as well as hot young talent, FRONT OF HOUSE turns every wedding reception into the magnificent evening every bride and groom dreams of. Led by David Sherman, this band’s signature sound always includes great vocals, sizzling horns and a driving rhythm section. True professionals in every sense of the word, our band members know how to energize any crowd. Our concert-like stage show creates an exciting dance atmosphere, filling the night with a contagious fun that is sure to delight every guest. At the same time, our diverse music selection – everything including Sinatra-style jazz, all the great R&B of the 60’s and 70’s, classic rock from the 80’s and 90’s, and contemporary pop as well – captures all the romance and elegance of this very special occasion.

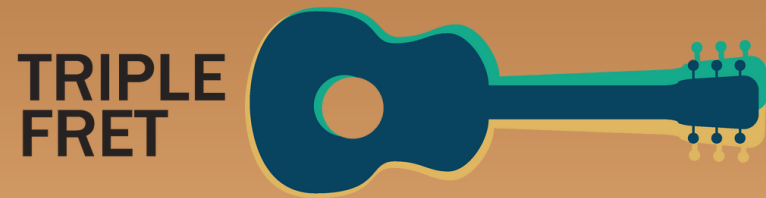
Entourage an eight-piece band that delivers contagious energy and unmatched musical versatility. Led by the incomparable Morgen Hare, this band brings a dynamic dance floor experience to every party, guaranteed to leave your guests talking about it for years. Through Morgen’s passion for music and the boundless energy of this band, they stay up to date with the latest top 40 hits while mixing in popular songs from every decade and genre. This something-for-everyone approach ensures that all your guests feel connected to the experience. From the flow of the evening to the timing of the musical elements, you can expect a very production-minded, team-player approach to the planning process. With years of experience in the special event industry, we work seamlessly with your assembled team or take the reins and help you plan it from scratch. Entourage always brings the fun, talent and precision required for a successful event.

Velocity Led by vocalist Heidie Malnassy, Velocity performs an expansive repertoire, including jazz standards, R&B, Soul, Motown, Classic Rock, Contemporary Top 40, and everything in between. The band features world-class talent who have performed alongside Chaka Khan, Common, Wynton Marsalis, and Diana Krall. Three lead vocalists in a 7-piece band are unique in Chicagoland, allowing Velocity to perform with uncommon versatility. The band can be expanded by adding horns and violins as well. At any size, Velocity is a perfect choice for your special event.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



Triple Fret or Double Fret - 2 to 3 pieces - Chicago's top guitarists come together for a unique acoustic performance that covers a wide variety of genres, including Motown, Classic Rock and Top 40. Triple Fret is a perfect choice for cocktail or corporate receptions that require fun energy without overwhelming the conversation or networking. The boys will even take requests and possibly take a song you know and add a fresh flavor. Also, offered as Double Fret for smaller footprints, this unique live music experience is the perfect compliment to your event!



Luna Strings Chicago - 6 to 10 pieces - This unique musical experience provides a fun and exciting approach to contemporary music with a twist of timeless instrumentation. With two harps, two cellos, and four violins, Luna Strings Chicago is a showstopper with recognizable tunes you love draped in the soft, beautiful textures of these refreshing arrangements. Providing a fusion of classic rock and current popular artists like Queen, Led Zeppelin, Journey, Harry Styles and Lady Gaga to name a few, this musical experience adds a thick layer of "cool factor," to the elegance of your unforgettable evening! It's not classical...it's classically contemporary.



Jazz Quartess or Jazz Trio - 3 to 4 pieces - Produced by Ken Arlen, Jazz Quartess is Chicago's busiest jazz quartet. The concept is simple: combine four talented and versatile jazz musicians who can move effortlessly through many instrumental styles. Most jazz quartets play straight-ahead swing or contemporary jazz. We play these styles, but find people also want to hear hip instrumental versions of Sting, Steely Dan, James Taylor and Beatles tunes, to name a few. We get a great response from the audience and always leave them wanting more!!



Oh, What A Night - Featuring four of LA's most sought-after performers with Broadway, TV and film credits, "OH, WHAT A NIGHT!" features hits like "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Walk Like A Man" and more! This show takes you up the charts and behind the music with electrifying performances of the golden greats that took these guys all the way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! With the movie release and tours happening all over the country, this show is hotter than ever! Treat your audience to an unforgettable performance with great choreography and the best vocals you will ever hear! The show can be backed up by one of our exclusive dance bands in conjunction with your special event, or the group can be featured as a stand-alone performance with pre-recorded tracks.



Sirens Rock Violins - 6 to 10 pieces, Arlen Music's Sirens, Chicago's exclusive rock violin show, is led by Arlen Music's own Rebecca Richey on violin, backed by some of the best instrumentalists that AMP has to offer. Perfect for parties of any size, the Sirens can provide a fully choreographed 30-40 minute featured performance guaranteed to dazzle your guests. In addition, this ensemble can provide an entire evening's worth of entertainment: background music for dinner; strolling string players; even add vocalists for dance music later in the evening!

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MUSIC FOR ANY OCCASION



SOLO PIANO / KEYBOARD Our versatile pianists add a wonderful ambiance to your event. With a repertoire ranging from classical to top 40, our exceptional musicians can fulfill almost any genre or request! If a piano isn't available at your venue, we will happily bring a keyboard that can sound exactly like an acoustic piano!



SOLO GUITAR The versatility of guitar adds a layer of beauty and versatility to your special event. Our virtuosos perform Latin, classical, and pop with fluidity and nuance. Requests encouraged!



GUITAR/VOCAL DUO Caitlin Simone is a versatile vocalist and performer, authentically covering a wide range of artists and genres. Accompanied by the multi-talented Lloyd Snyder on acoustic guitar, vocals, and loop pedal, this duo adds its own unique spin to the songs you know and the songs you forgot you love! Both Caitlin and Lloyd are members of the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra.



GUITAR & VIOLIN A fun pairing of popular instruments, this duo can cover everything from Bach to Bruno Mars! Since both instruments are mobile and unplugged, this group is a great choice if your event calls for strolling musicians.



SIRENS LITE Ken Arlen's Sirens Lite features 2-3 lovely women on violin accompanied by a keyboard, and their music ranges from bossas and tangos, to fun classic rock and pop. This group provides an elegant atmosphere for cocktail parties and other social and corporate gatherings, and the wardrobe can be customized from elegant cocktail attire, to fun rock-inspired wear.



PIANO & VIOLIN This unique duo offers delightful instrumental takes on your favorite songs! We recommend using a keyboard instead of a piano for this offering, since performing with sounds such as guitar or Rhodes on a keyboard can create allow for a more versatile repertoire.



SOLO ELECTRIC VIOLIN Enjoy spirited performances of modern tunes we all know and love. Our incredible violinists play along to tracks featuring top 40, R&B and classic hits for a cocktail party or more mellow vibey favorites for a dinner. Don't be surprised if guests start to dance when the music picks up! This is an incredible compliment to the evening and guests always enjoy!



AXE & IVORY DUO (Saxophone & Keyboard) – this jazz duo puts a fresh jazz twist on all those songs you know and love. Playing tunes your parents played on the radio as they dropped you off at school all the way to the songs you listen to on XM while dropping your kids off at school, this duo covers an entire catalogue of cross-generational favorites.



KEYBOARD & GUITAR This duo pairs our two most popular solo instruments. Our guitar players may use an effects pedal or loop, which allows for a robust sonic experience and keyboard players can fill out the rest to create an incredible synergy of live music!



SOLO HARP Add a touch of elegance to your event with the sweeping melodies of solo harp! Perfect for ceremonies, cocktail parties, and other intimate gatherings, our harpists perform traditional classical repertoire along with contemporary favorites.

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AMP DUELING PIANOS A wonderful immersion of music and crowd play. Get your guests excited and involved with our multi-talented piano/vocalist/entertainers and customize your evening with a theme or spotlight your CEO with a microphone and his favorite song.



VIBRAPHONE One of the more unique solo instruments we offer, the warm sounds of the vibraphone can add a mellow, jazzy flair to your event! This instrument can be placed within a small ensemble, duo, or even part of one of our incredible dance bands to add an interesting texture to familiar tunes. It is sure to bring your whole event good vibes!!



JAZZ TRIO Three amazing and versatile jazz musicians, deriving from our full Jazz Quartess, who can move effortlessly through many instrumental styles. Most jazz quartets play straight-ahead swing or contemporary jazz. We play these styles, but find people also want to take a fun journey thru genres like Yacht Rock, Pop, and R&B, Classic Rock, and many more!



TWILIGHT COMBINATION A hip and unique, Twilight Combination will fit the bill. Twilight Combination combines electronic beats, sumptuous vocals and sophisticated musicianship to create a sound they call "electric lounge." Twilight Combination delivers surprising interpretations of the songs you love like you've never heard them before. Picture Michael Buble singing Kesha's latest hit, or a Van Halen classic as a rumba. It's music that is hot and cool, surprising yet familiar, modern yet classic.



PERCUSSION - Our amazing percussionists can entertain in a myriad of interesting ways! Simply add them to one of our incredible dance bands to accentuate the texture, energy, & repertoire, or assemble a percussionist along with our DJ's for a synergetic live music element, or have our percussionist greet your guests at your event entrance or foyer for an immediate injection of energy and fun to your party!!



EXOTIQUE This contemporary group features two beautiful string players performing with electric lounge grooves. Perfect for sophisticated events that need a chic and stylish flair! Whether it's an A-list movie premiere or grand opening of a new chef driven restaurant, these girls paint the perfect musical picture and vibe while allowing guests to connect and converse.



DOUBLE FRET Enjoy spirited performances of modern tunes we all know and love. Our incredible violinists play along to tracks featuring top 40, R&B and classic hits for a cocktail party or more mellow vibey favorites for a dinner. Don't be surprised if guests start to dance when the music picks up! This is an incredible compliment to the evening and guests always enjoy!



AMP STRINGS (quartets, trios, duo or larger format ensembles) Our versatile string players perform elegant music for your ceremony, cocktail reception, or corporate event. If you're not hooked on classics, consider ordering up some contemporary music arranged especially for our string ensembles, such as elegant arrangements of Beatles hits, Queen, or Coldplay favorites.



AMP DJ SERVICES Our talented roster of DJ's have been immersed within the elite Chicago nightlife scene, entertaining the Windy City's A-List socialites & celebrities. Their high energy dance mixes have also dominated dancefloors across the country and heard on radio stations worldwide. Whether it's a corporate gala, cocktail party, full wedding or even your wedding after-party, our DJ's will work closely with you to customize to your vision and make your event unforgettable!



THE WHISKEY KITTENS This dynamic and charismatic duo will rewind a style & vibe but fast forward you thru today's popular tunes! It's today's hits with class of yesterday's charts. They can perform as a drop in feature with one of our bands or ensembles or entertain with background tracks. Either way your guests will be mesmerized and love this charming musical collaboration.

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ARTIST EXPERIENCE



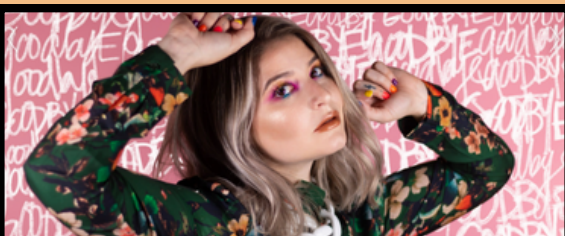
L l o y d S n y d e r

LLOYD SNYDER (guitar/vocals/loop) Known as one of the most talented guitarists in Chicago, Lloyd has been key in leading special event bands and has been leading our own Evolution for years now. His voice compliments his guitar to give you an incredible night of great music. He has shared the stage with major artists such as Blues Traveler and Nate Ruess. As one of the great front men in Chicago today, Lloyd's style is inspired by Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn, John Mayer, among other greats. Lloyd has made a huge impact on the Chicago music scene and we are proud to call him family at Arlen Music.



J e s u s R a m o s

JESUS RAMOS (guitar/vocals/tracks) Jesus is an inspiring-talented musician who has dedicated himself to music and performing. Through his unforgettable live performances and impeccable studio recordings, Jesus have honed his own unique sound to be a tour de force in the Chicago music scene. Jesus lends his epic vocals to many genres from beautiful Latin tunes and Rat Pack standards to pop/rock and all the way to country.



M e l S e n e s e

MEL SENESE (female vocals & guitar) offers a highly inspired take on Alternative Pop-Rock. An artist of the Windy City, she channels the rock energy of female icons like Pink, Kelly Clarkson and Avril Lavigne but infuses it with her own alt-rock influences. With lyrical storytelling that is both empowering and energized, Mel's presence is something that will draw you in and keep you on the edge of your seat the entire time.



S e n n A l a n

SENN ALAN (guitars/vocals/looping) A real Chicago talent that puts its own flavor, spin, and unique instrumentation on your favorite songs. He's had the pleasure of playing with & opening for Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, Brad Paisley, Grateful Dead, Bon Jovi, Dierks Bentley, Luke Bryan and more. With the ability to go seamlessly from Country to Hip Hop to good ole Rock & Roll!



A n d r e w D i e h l

ANDREW DIEHL (guitar/vocals) He grew up in the mountains of West Virginia, picked up the harmonica when he was nine and spent his teens wearing the grooves out of Little Walter records. After moving north to Chicago at seventeen, Diehl fell in love with the guitar and it hasn't left his hands since. You can catch The Nightmen performing all over the Midwest, delivering a heavy hit of electric blues and vintage rock n' roll.



J a s m i n e + P e r o n a

JASMINE + PERONA (female vocals & Guitar) Jasmine + Perona puts a unique and fun spin on everything from 50's classics to modern day favorites by combining the smooth vocal stylings of vocalist, Christa with the versatile classical flamenco sounds of guitarist, Jim. This is a true musical journey!



D a v i d C h i r i b o g a

SPANISH GUITAR with David Chiriboga (guitar) David's Spanish guitar seamlessly merges the traditional flair of Spanish guitar with the pulse of contemporary and popular tunes. With a fusion that bridges eras and genres, their music creates an unforgettable harmony that captivates audiences in Chicagoland and all over the world.



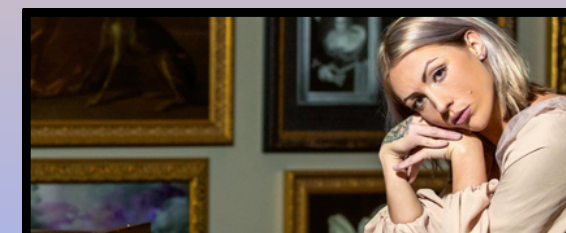
A b i g a i l R i c c a r d s

ABIGAIL RICCARDS (vocals/keys) She garners much attention from the jazz community for her effortless swing, heartbreaking tone, & personalized approach to lyrics. Abigail's inimitable approach to the Great American Songbook has made her one of the most celebrated jazz vocalists. She loves putting her signature on pop, rock, and R&B classics and has collaborated with many of Chicago's respected musicians and headlined the most famous venues in Chicagoland. Abigail's voice achieves a refreshing honesty and is only complimented by her incredible manipulation of the ivories!



J o e y J S a y e

JOEY J SAYE (guitar/vocals) This young musician's sound far surpass his age! He attacks the strings with finesse as if he were around when the Blues were born. Music has been a part of his DNA since Joey was a child and he appreciates the art of how music brings us together and soothes the soul. Hearing Muddy Waters and Memphis Minnie's as a child ignited his passion for the blues and now Joey is known throughout Chicagoland and all over the US and is recognized abroad internationally. His love of blues is infectious, and proves that the blues are alive and well and will still live on for years to come!"



C l a r i s s a

CLARISSA "The Sassy British Soul Singer" Beginning her international career in The Middle East with Residential British Band, she began her journey becoming a multi-talented artist touring globally, featuring with international bands, and debuting her Solo show and becoming a UAE WANASAH MUSIC Channel Star. She has opened up for celebrity artists such as Rick Ross, VIC & DJ UNK!

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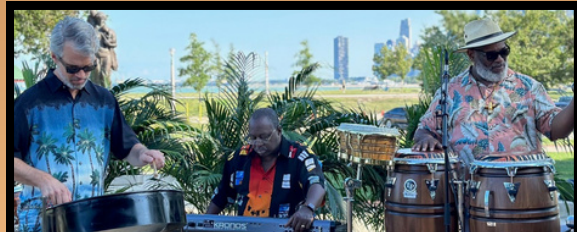
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OUTSIDE OF THE MUSIC BOX



L o w D o w n B r a s s

LOW DOWN BRASS Embodies the vibrant Chicago music and is heavier on the hip-hop swagger and lighter on the jazz. Lowdown also incorporates funk, neo-soul, Latin, pop-blues, and reggae sounds into their brass soundscape, a righteous fusion of bumpin', high-energy marching band brass and beats, stealthy grooves, and breezy rhymes culture. LowDown is charting their own course in the ever-evolving landscape of music.



I s l a n d S t y l e

STEEL DRUM BAND Joe is renowned & versatile musician who performs around Chicago and the Midwest with his own groups and many others. His steel drums and island feel are second to none. He occasionally plays percussion for various Broadway tours shows including Disney's Aladdin, The Lion King, Wicked and more. Joe is featured on vibes with "Poi Dog Pondering" and with Latin bands like "Grupo Paz". He has recorded several albums with a number of local bands on which he plays steel drum, vibes, congas and various percussion instruments.



R a v i v C e l l o

RAVIV (2 cellos & drums) Our exciting, high-energy take on your favorite music will make you love it even more. We're a 3-piece band in Chicago (2 cellos and a drum), led by Eytan Raviv, a cellist from Northwestern's Bienen School of Music. We play your favorite Pop, Rock, Metal, or classical music. Whether you envision a standing-room-only rock concert or a classy wedding reception, our technical and artistic performances will keep your crowd smiling



M a r i a c h i

MARIACHI MONUMENTAL DE MEXICO passion for mariachi music and embarked on a journey that is now over 10 years in the making. Combining some of the most talented mariachi performers in Chicago, Mariachi Monumental De Mexico emerged to bring the vibrant and unique sounds of mariachi music to Chicago and the Mid-West.



S i n a t r a T r i b u t e

FRANK SINATRA TRIBUTE Award-winning entertainer & Grammy nominee Ron Hawking pays tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes. Hear selections from Hawking's hit musical productions of "His Way," and his Grammy-Nominated, "The Song Is You". Whether he's putting his own touch on The Great American songbook, Broadway, or contemporary music, Ron's charm and charisma shines through every musical moment.



B u c k e t B o y s

THE CHICAGO BUCKET BOYS! An extremely talented and quintessentially Chicago represented ensemble that has been putting their percussive skills on display across the country for years. This professional ensemble is featured regularly at the Chicago Bulls games and have appeared in a spot with Hank Williams, Jr. on his "Are You Ready For Some Football?" for ABC's MNF, & a halftime performance bill for the 2004 NBA All-Star Game with OutKast, Christina Aguilera, and Beyoncé.



B l u e s B r o t h e r s

BLUES BROTHERS EXPERIENCE Jake and Elwood Blues, the Soul Men from Sweet Home Chicago, are ready to Flip, Flop and Fly for you because "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love"! Take the thickest Chicago accents, the most irresistible high speed chases, and Tributes to the best in music and you have American history on an epic level. A great drop-in feature with one of our dance bands



E l e c t r i c - 5

ELECTRIC-5 an electric rock string quintet that performs unique and captivating choreographed string renditions of some of the greatest rock & pop hits of all time. Through their highly innovative arrangements and masterful musicianship, Electric 5 is able to recreate the beauty and magic of every song they cover without the use of back-up tracks!



G o s p e l C h o i r

ANOINTED GOSPEL This incredible gospel choir creates soulful pop and R&B music with strong vocal talent and inspirational tunes. These energetic and diverse performers have entertained all over Chicago and surrounding states. The group is made up of diverse studio singers & bandleaders and together they have wowed audiences with songs including Ain't No Mountain, Perfect, All You Need is Love, Joyful Joyful, and Your Love Keeps Lifting Me, and many more!



B e a c h B o y s

BOYS OF SUMMER Join us as we pay tribute to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's Beach Boys! They bring your audience all the classic hits of The Beach Boys, with chart-toppers like "I Get Around", "Don't Worry Baby", "Good Vibrations", "Surfin' Safari" and more! Our incredibly talented singers will have you dreaming of Coppertone days and endless summer nights!

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...That's just the beginning of what we can offer.

If you can dream it, we can deliver!

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