

The Model Citizens

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Brian O'hern and the Model

Citizens Big Band has been together since 1996. When Brian started the band, he had around 10-15 charts.? Now he has around 70 charts, mostly original compositions.? The band consists of some of the best players in town, including saxophonist Pat Mallinger, Matt Ferguson, great young trombonist John Yao, and drumming sensation Gerald Dowd, not to mention surprise appearances by Dan Trudell on tuba and Jim from Elite Audio on the crazy keyboard sounds.

This band has been another fun project for me.? Brian is basically insane, but his music has real depth, with influences ranging from traditional big band to Prokofiev, Spike Jones, and Frank Zappa.? He has also been extremely generous in allowing me to arrange for the featured vocalist Carol Kagy, a fantastic singer, and various members of the band.

Make sure to come see this band! You won't regret it.? The Model Citizens Big Band plays the third Monday of every month, 10:00pm, at the Gallery Cabaret, 2020 N. Oakley.