



Hot Club of Saratoga Brief Bio

Hot Club of Saratoga, the Capital Region's premier gypsy swing ensemble, plays a repertoire that reflects the spirit and style originated by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli in The Quintet of the Hot Club of France. Most prominently developed in 1930's and 40's Paris, this genre has been kept alive through a long line of gypsy jazz artists since that time. Most of the tunes Hot Club of Saratoga plays were written or recorded by Django at some time in his musical life, hot swing music of the 1920's, 30's and 40's.

The instrumentation of the full quintet allows HCS to explore this style throughout the range of its roots, true to its origins while subtly expanding the genre. Hot Club's repertoire covers the range from sweet, soulful balladry, through hard driving swing, and fiery, upbeat tempos, sure to bring a smile and irresistible desire to move.

Hot Club of Saratoga's founding members, Chuck Kish (rhythm guitar) and Chad Tallman (solo guitar) were quickly joined by bassist, Dylan Perrillo (The Dylan Perrillo Orchestra, Useless Cans). By March of 2013 the fledgling trio was fortunate to add area violinist Tucker Callander (Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys, Chelsea Cavanaugh Band, Jocelyn Arndt, Chilly Nickels) to round out the sound and launch Hot Club of Saratoga as a quartet. By midsummer the quartet had met Jonathan Greene (Heard, Golfstrom) and just couldn't resist expanding HCS to a quintet.

Since forming in early 2013, Hot Club of Saratoga has brought the hot swing sound to coffee houses, restaurants, bars, clubs, swing dances, festivals, weddings, corporate events, and numerous private parties.

Sarah Craig of Caffe Lena introduced HCS for their January 2018 concert with, *"I would have to count Hot Club of Saratoga as being probably about the best thing that's happened to the local music scene in the last 5 years in Saratoga."*

A neighbor told Hot Club, *"Whenever you guys rehearse, I open my windows so I can hear you. Your music just makes me happy!"* Yes! That's the goal!

Gypsy Swing in the Spirit of Django Reinhardt



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