

Out Of The Blue

The dance band that thinks it's a ROCK BAND!!!

I just wanted to take a moment and say thanks to you, your wife and the rest of the Band... I can't begin to tell you how much fun we had at our wedding and our friends and family can't say enough about your show. From the moment you all stepped on the stage I couldn't help but dance the night away, even Jake danced more that night than I have ever seen in the four and a half years that I've known him. You truly made our wedding day even more memorable than I could ever imagine. For that I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely, Kristi

The Big Complaints:

The biggest complaints we hear about bands are:

- "Their costumes and advertising were very appealing, but the show lacked energy and was disappointing."
- "They play music that no one knows."
- "They play one style all night or all set long."
- "They cost too much!"

For these reasons, many people have shifted to hiring DJ's instead of bands.

The Solution:

Out Of The Blue is the answer to the question, "Should I hire a band or a DJ?" The seven members of the dance/rock band Out of the Blue excite their audiences with an energetic performance and an infectious blend of harmonies, musicianship and well-known hits from the last 60 years.

- **OOTB** is NOT a "shtick" band. We do not rely on the crutch of glitzy period costumes to make up for a lack of energy or talent.

- **OOTB** shift their styles around, playing everything from disco to country, rock to soul, from old to new. (For a list of those songs, please go to our song list page.)

- **OOTB** provide a level of energy and excitement that no DJ, or for that matter, most other bands, can hope to match!

- **OOTB** are an established band that have been performing regularly for over eight years. Click here to see a listing of other shows we have played for.

- **OOTB** own their own professional grade PA system and NEVER play without a soundman.

- **OOTB** supply their own stage and dance floor, light show.
- **OOTB** have played a wide variety of venues, from bars and clubs such as The Sidetrack Cafe to weddings, Christmas and office parties, A Taste of Edmonton, Western Canada Summer Games Closing Ceremonies, Canada Day Celebrations and so on.
- **OOTB** is a 7 person band of professional, educated musicians who thrive on giving their best every show.
- **OOTB**'s prices are reasonable and negotiable.
- **OOTB** are represented by Mitchell Entertainment. If you feel more comfortable using an agency you may book us through them, or you may book us directly. (If Mitchell sent you to look at this page, please book through them.)

"Thanks Stuart! You guys did a great job on NYE; the performance was A+."

Robin Andrishak

WEM Waterpark

OOTB's Promise to you:

Our clients can rest assured that OOTB will not only provide excellent entertainment and value for your dollar, but will do so in a clean, friendly and respectful manner, such that the client need not worry about embarrassment from what the band might do or say.

You can watch the band in action by downloading the OOTB demo video from the "SHOWS" link on the main page.

Pricing

There are many factors which determine the price for a particular show. Following, are a few considerations to better help you understand what your cost may be.

- If your event will be attended by more than 400 people, we may need to rent additional sound reinforcement which would be an additional cost.
- Out of town shows (more than an hour away from Edmonton) are subject to a travel fee of \$200 per hour, for both directions.
- For out of town shows that are more than 1 1/2 hours travel from Edmonton, 4 hotel rooms with two beds each, must be provided.

Because of the many variables, we do not list our prices on the website. Please call 467-7776 or Email for a complete quote.

The Basic Package - includes the following.

- Band (7 musicians and instruments)
- 3 sets of approximately 60 minutes each
- Professional grade PA System for band use and your use for announcements, speeches etc.
- Soundman
- Pre-recorded music for before, between and after bands sets (Including dinner music if required)
- Professional light show for stage and dance floor.

** The basic package price is based on playing for up to 400 people. Additional costs will be incurred as the audience size increases due to the need for more sound reinforcement.*

"... we are very pleased that "Out of the Blue" will be back on the Bike Tour stage. Our cyclists had a great time last year, and your band did a great job of lifting their spirits despite a long wet day of riding."

Hessen Zoeller

MS Society of Canada, Alberta Division

Bike Tours Manager

Additional Services

Add a touch of class to your event by having one or more of our musicians play a Jazz set during your cocktails and/or dinner. We have several configurations to meet your budgetary needs:

- Classical or Jazz solo Guitar
- Jazz duo (Guitar and Bass)
- Jazz trio (Guitar, Bass and Drums)
- Jazz Quartet (Guitar, Bass, Keyboard and Drums)

Please contact us or our agent for pricing details.

What do YOU need to provide?

- Somewhere to play - preferably a stage... and a sturdy one at that :) Our minimum size is 12 feet deep X 16 feet wide. 16 X 20 is even better. **Bigger is better.** Your venue will often provide this.

- As the client, you must ensure that there is enough electricity. Really! The band needs 6 separate 15 amp circuits (4 if we don't run our lights) or a 50 Amp Range receptacle, in order to function safely. You don't really want all the lights going out at your wedding reception do you? Check with your venue.

- Times:

- Load in time. We need three hours to load in, setup and sound check.

- What time the event begins.

- What time band is to begin.
- What time band is to end by.
- Some sort of a "green room", or changing room.
- At the very least, you the client should supply the band with bottled water. We are very grateful if we also receive food. If it is an out of town show, one meal for 8 is required.
- For out of town shows that are more than 1 1/2 hours travel from Edmonton, 4 hotel rooms with two beds each, must be provided.

Feel free to E-Mail us a question or to book us. We will get back to you ASAP. You may also phone us at 780-467-7776.

"Thank you for the great time. The people here at work are still talking about it. See you next year?"

Bryce Olson

Petro Canada

DJ vs. Band - Why do bands cost more?

A good DJ is better than a bad or mediocre band. But a good band beats a good DJ hands down.

A good DJ these days will run you between \$800 and \$1500 per night. Generally, it's one or two guys, with a few CD players, an amplifier and speakers and a bunch of CD's.

Most bands have at least 4 members plus a sound guy. In our case, it's 7 members plus a sound guy. Then we load in and setup: speakers, monitors, instruments, sound processing gear, mixer, lighting rig, run a whack load of cables, and then sound check. At the end of the night, after we have played for three hours plus, we have to tear it all down and load it out. It really is a major undertaking.

Although you're paying more for the band, the band members are actually making a lot less than the DJ's and delivering a lot more effort, talent and entertainment value.

Then why do we do it? Because we love it.

"Hey Stu, thanks for the "rockin" good job at our annual tax party! Great Job!"

Ian McDonald

Grant Thornton LLP