### AYA Reunions
**Entertainers**

#### DANCE BANDS & D.J.s

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<td><strong>Bales Gitlin Music</strong></td>
<td>Ginny Bales</td>
<td>38 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, CT 06471</td>
<td>203-488-3278</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bgbmusic@aol.com">bgbmusic@aol.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td>Jazz, Swing, Rock</td>
<td>1940’s-current</td>
<td>3-8</td>
<td>Bales Gitlin has been the band of choice for the Yale Prom for the past few years and has played at numerous Yale reunions. Jay Gitlin ’71 is a Lecturer in History at Yale, and Ginny Bales can act as your agent for hiring everything from strolling musicians to a jazz pianist.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>The Bearcats Jazz Band</strong></td>
<td>Joe Hanlon</td>
<td>13 St. George Place, Sandy Hook, CT 06482</td>
<td>203-426-4185</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bcatjoe@prodigy.net">bcatjoe@prodigy.net</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.thebearcatsjazzband.com">www.thebearcatsjazzband.com</a></td>
<td>Live band playing New Orleans Jazz &amp; Swing</td>
<td>1940’s-current</td>
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<td>Played for the Class of 1963’s 40th reunion</td>
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<td><strong>Calypso Hurricane</strong></td>
<td>Mack Endresen</td>
<td>P.O. Box 2121, Cambridge, MA 02238-2121</td>
<td>617-227-0127</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mark@calypsourricane.com">mark@calypsourricane.com</a></td>
<td><a href="http://www.calypsourricane.com">www.calypsourricane.com</a></td>
<td>Calypso, Raggae, Rock</td>
<td>1940’s-current</td>
<td>5-6</td>
<td>Has played for several Yale reunions; band members include faculty at the Berklee College of Music and a backup drummer for Harry Belafonte</td>
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<td><strong>Clamdiggers Dixie Band</strong></td>
<td>Charles Salerno</td>
<td>818 Quinnipiac Ave., New Haven, CT 06513</td>
<td>203-467-9275</td>
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<td>Live band playing Jazz, Swing &amp; Dixieland</td>
<td>1940’s-1980’s</td>
<td>2 to 8</td>
<td>Has played for at least 13 Yale classes at reunions in the last ten years</td>
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<td><strong>Cutting Edge Entertainment</strong></td>
<td>Rob Jockel</td>
<td>69 Trailsend Dr., Canton, CT 06019</td>
<td>888-221-6538</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rjockel@cuttingedgeentertain.com">rjockel@cuttingedgeentertain.com</a></td>
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Type of music: DJ’s and live bands playing Rock, Jazz, Swing, Country, Worldbeat, Latin
Era of Music: 1940's-current
Yale connection: Has provided entertainers for the Classes of 1958, 1959 & 1999 and the Yale Prom.

Pat Dorn Orchestra
Pat Dorn, 129 Church St., New Haven, CT 06510
203-865-0360
Email: patdornonofrio@webtv.net

Type of music: Live band playing music from Glenn Miller sound to contemporary music of today
Era of music: 1940's-Current
Number of musicians: 1-17 plus vocalist
Average price for a 3-hour gig: $1,650-3,600
Yale connection: Every fraternity from 1950 to closing; freshman, junior, senior proms. Many Yale reunions. Only orchestra from Connecticut to play for six Presidential Inaugural Balls in Washington, including President Clinton in ’93 and ’97 and President Bush in ’01. Plus, thanks to former Yale students, every Southern States Debutante Ball, colleges and country clubs, Virginia Beach for eight years.

Eight to the Bar
Cynthia Lyon, P.O. Box 123, Northford, CT 06472
203-484-4749
Email: info@eighttothebar.com
Website: www.eighttothebar.com

Type of music: Live band playing Swing & Motown
Era of music: 1940’s-1970’s
Number of musicians: 6
Average price for a three-hour gig: $3,000
Yale connection: Has played for the 1975 & 1977 25th reunions

Howard Fishman Quartet
Howard Fishman, 166 North 7th St. #5, Brooklyn, NY 11211
718-486-0613
Email: hfquartet@gmail.com
Website: www.howardfishman.com

Type of music: Live band playing Rock, Jazz, Swing, Dixieland, New Orleans, Country & Blues
Era of music: 1920’s-1950’s & current
Number of musicians: 4-7
Average price of a three-hour gig: $1,500-$5,000
Yale connection: Has played for the Class of 1951 50th reunion.

Funkestra
Thomas Carruthers, 7 Vera Dr., Bethel, CT 06801
800-272-4078
Email: twcarruthers@cs.com
Website: www.funkestra.com

Type of music: Reggae, African, Mariachi, Latin, Steel Band, Vibes
Era of music: 1940’s-current
Number of musicians: 8-9
Average price of a three-hour gig: $4,200-4,600
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Yale connection: Has played for the Class of 1982’s 20th reunion

The Galvanized Jazz Band
Fred Vigorito, 20 Ledgeview Lane, Guilford, CT 06437
203-453-5916
Email: vigorjazz@aol.com
Website: www.galvanizedjazz.com

Type or music: Live band playing Jazz, Swing & Dixieland
Era of music: 1930’s-1940’s
Number of musicians: 7
Average price for a three-hour gig: $2,000
Yale connection: Started in the mid-1960’s at Yale, this band includes Art Hovey ’64 and Joel Schiavone ’59 and has played at several Yale reunions.
CD available

John Hartman
17 Hamre Lane, Branford, CT 06405
203-481-2378

Type of music: Jazz trio, easy listening and danceable tunes, d.j. from an age-appropriate collection of CDs during breaks
Number of musicians: 3
Average price for a four-hour gig: $1,000

The Joe Holmes Swing Band
Joe Holmes, 7 Tommy’s Lane, Norwalk, CT 06850
203-838-8744
Email: joeswing@optonline.net

Type of music: Live band playing Rock, Jazz, Swing & Dixieland
Era of music: 1930’s-1960’s
Number of musicians: 4 to 8
Average price for a four-hour gig: $1,400-$2,500
Yale connection: Joe Holmes ’62 has led his band at many Yale reunions.
CD available

Hot Roc Productions Entertainment Co., LLC
Bobby Fantarella, 10 Research Dr., Woodbridge, CT 06525
203-389-3538
Email: info@hotroc.com
Website: www.hotroc.com

Type of music: DJ’s and live bands playing Rock, Jazz, Swing, Classical, R&B & Hip Hop
Era of music: 1940’s-Current
Yale connection: Has provided entertainment for many Yale reunions and parties

Ivan Hubbard Orchestra
Ivan Hubbard, 46 Spice Hill Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492-4333
203-265-0238
Email: ivanhubbard@msn.com

Type of music: Live band playing Jazz, Swing & Dixieland
Era of music: 1940’s-1960’s
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Number of musicians: 5-8
Average price for a three-hour gig: $1,275
Yale Connection: Has played for the Classes of 1942, 1943 and 1945W.

Arthur Lipner/Tropical Music Productions
AMASS Entertainment
917-612-1427
Email: agents@amassentertainment.com
Website: www.arthurlipner.com

Type of music: Steel band or vibes/marimba playing calypso and reggae
Number of musicians: 2-10
Average price for a three-hour gig: $250-$300 per musician
Yale connection: Has played several reunions in the last decade

The David Lopato Group
David Lopato, 474 Greenwich St., New York, NY 10013
212-925-8534
Email: david@davidlopato.com
Website: www.davidlopato.com

Type of music: Live band playing Jazz
Era of music: 1940’s-Current
Number of musicians: 1-5
Average price for a three-hour gig: $1,200
Yale Connection: David Lopato ’75 and Kent McLagan ’79 have played for the Class of 1975’s 20th and 25th reunions, as well as the Class of 1976’s 25th reunion.

Kit McClure Band
Kit McClure ’75, 240 W. 98th St., 6E, New York, NY 10025
212-864-6759
Email: kmcbb@earthlink.net
Website: www.redhotrecords.com

Type of music: Soul, Motown, Latin
Era of music: 1940’s-current
Number of musicians: 3-16
Average price for a three-hour gig: $2,500 for a quintet
Yale connection: Saxophonist Kit McClure, the leader of this all-female band, graduated from Yale in 1975.

Nik & The Nice Guys
Carolyn Schultz, 74 North Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14607-1154
585-244-0331
Email: nikniceguy@aol.com
Website: www.nikentertainment.com

Type of music: Rock; also serves as agent for various other bands
CD available

Quintessence
John Mills, 31 Jan Rd., Bristol, CT 06010
860-589-3114
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Email: jbmills19@snet.net

Type of music: Jazz, Swing, Dixieland  
Era of music: 1940’s-1960’s  
Number of musicians: 5-6  
Average price for a three-hour gig: $1,050-$1,250  
Yale connection: Has played for the Class of 1960’s 40th reunion

Carlton J. Smith & Friends  
Carlton J. Smith, Tru-Beat Productions  
718-381-9878, 212-662-8694  
Email: trueppich@aol.com  
Website: www.trubeatpro.com

Type of music: R&B  
Number of musicians: 10  
Average price for 3½ -hour gig: $4,500  
Yale connection: Played for Class of 1980’s 25th reunion

SOLO ACTS & OTHER

Antique Amusements  
Tony DeLucia  
203-288-3797

Type of music: Juke box rental – 50’s style machine with 100+ songs for preset play or selection by classmates  
Cost to rent for evening: Approximately $400

Bob Allison  
One Central Place, Newburyport, MA 01950  
987-462-0776

Type of music: Jazz pianist; standards  
Yale connection: Class of ’67  
CD available

Allen Forte & Martha Bennett Oneppo  
203-288-8888  
Email: allen.forte@yale.edu

Type of music: Pianist and vocalist; standards  
Yale connection: Allen Forte is Battell Professor Emeritus in the Music Department

Glorian Duo  
Wendy Kerner Lucas, 176 Logan Road, New Canaan, CT 06840  
203-966-7616  
Email: WKLHarp@optonline.net

Type of music: Harp and flute duo
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Hot Roc Productions Entertainment Co., LLC
Bobby Fantarella, 10 Research Dr., Woodbridge, CT 06525
203-389-3538
Email: info@hotroc.com
Website: www.hotroc.com

Type of music: Solo jazz musicians
Era of music: 1940’s-Current
Yale connection: Has provided entertainment for many Yale reunions and parties

Lancraft Fife & Drum Corps
P.O. Box 28, 62 Clark Ave., North Haven, CT 06473-0028
Website: www.lancraftfd.com

Litchfield Hills Pipe Band
Jeffrey Miller, 544 Carmel Hill Rd. N., Bethlehem, CT 06751
203-266-6391
Email: jeffreymiller01@charter.net

Type of music: Bagpipes and drum group
Number of musicians: 8-12 pipers, 3-6 drummers
Average price for a three-hour gig: $800-$1,200

Andy Rubenoff
Andy Rubenoff ’83 DRA, 89 Howe St., New Haven, CT 06511
203-562-0001

Type of music: Piano, especially “sing-along;” also performs with cabaret singer, Amber Edwards ’82

The Varsity Singers
Christopher Gentile ’00, 61 W. 108th St., New York, NY 10025
646-281-6520
Email: varsitysingers@hotmail.com

Type of music: All-male a capella vocal ensemble
Number of singers: 5
Yale Connection: Former Whiffenpoofs who have performed at various Yale Club functions and at a recent gala for the New Haven Symphony
CD available

Yale School of Music
The Yale School of Music maintains a “gig list” of current students who are willing to play for hire – they include everything from jazz pianists to bassoonists to string quartets. Please see your AYA staff member for an up-to-date list. Good communication with the musician(s) on ambience and the type of music expected is advisable. Most would be willing to audition.

Yale Singing Groups
Although most students have left campus by the times reunions occur, from time to time there is a group able to sing because it is staying in town before going on tour. Please speak to your AYA staff member about availability.

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