

Shannon Gunn and the *Bullettes*



About the Band

Steeped in the tradition of the masters but forging ahead with a style all its own, “Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes” is the new all-star, all-women jazz ensemble based out of the D.C. area. Laid back but hard swinging, the Bullettes bring all generations together to enjoy a dynamite performance.

The Bullettes began as a “dream” of Shannon Gunn, trombone player and graduate of the George Mason University Masters in Jazz Studies program. Their first CD release, a five song EP, was the product of a successful Kickstarter campaign. Since then, the Bullettes have released three additional EPs and continue to wow audiences and perform both swing, originals, and straight ahead jazz charts for audiences young and old.

The Bullettes are a musical organization that uplifts women in jazz, creates networking opportunities, and provides a positive role model for aspiring jazz musicians in the DC area. They are available as a full sixteen piece big band, an octet, a septet including singer, quintet, or duo/trio for smaller venues. The Bullettes are available for concerts, master classes, and educational performances.

Contact Information

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Past Venues

DC Jazz Festival “Jazz in the Hoods” program at Gallery O on H St (Quintet) – June 2016

Washington Women in Jazz Festival Presents Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes at Westminster Jazz Night (Big Band) – March of 2013 – 2016

WPFW-FM – 98.3 (Septet)– January, 2016

DCTV Washington Full Circle Television Show (Sextet) – January, 2016

Castleton Theatre House - September 2015

CBS Morning Show (Septet), Richmond, VA – September 2015

Nomadic Jazz Series in Alexandria, VA (Big Band) – October 2015

Gotta Swing Dance Lessons (Septet) – 2014

National Jazz Workshop, Shenandoah University, VA (Quintet) – 2014

Goethe Institute Tribute to Hank Mobley as part of Blue Note Records’ 75th Anniversary Celebration (Quintet) - 2014

Reunion Music Society show at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, VA (Big Band) – 2011



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Testimonials

Dear Shannon,

Congratulations on an outstanding performance last evening at Westminster Church! You and the Bullettes are the Greatest. You have acquired the Big Band Sound and you and the soloists were magnificent. The repertoire was varied offering new and old renditions. Adding the tap dancer further enhanced variety. Please inform me if I can be of any volunteer or promotional or other service to your group. Take care and God Bless!

-Geraldine Jackson, March 2013, Washington D.C.

Great Jazz release! Thoroughly impressed and am looking forward to catching this band live in the near future! Keep up the great work, ladies!

- Best Regards, Brian Wilson

Love the Bullettes and looking forward to another night of dancing to this great band!

- Debra Sternberg of Gotta Swing DC

I love this music! I want to get up and dance... How exceptional that it is an all-female recording of some awesome tunes!

- Amanda Paull, Williamsburg

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Discography

[Introducing... Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes EP 2011](#)

1. The Night Has a Thousand Eyes, arr. Leigh Pilzer
2. Imagine That, composed and arranged by Lynn Gruenewald
3. Alone Together, arr. Shannon Gunn
4. In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning, arr. Leigh Pilzer
5. Miss Jackie's Dish, composed and arranged by Anita Thomas



[Bullettes Play Basie – January 2014](#)

1. Tall Cotton
2. All of Me
3. It's Oh, So Nice
4. Cute
5. One O'Clock Jump



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Discography Continued...

It Don't Mean a Thing... - December 2014

1. Warm Woman Blues
2. It Don't Mean a Thing
3. Thaddish
4. How High The Moon
5. Lady Bird
6. Blue Moo
7. Shore Thing
8. Bye Bye Blackbird



Bullettes and Friends – October 2015

1. Australian Mood
2. Blue Moo
3. Simon Says
4. Stormy Monday
5. Embraceable You
6. Nigeria





Presentations and Programs

Tribute to Count Basie

Enjoy the sounds of Count Basie and the big bands of the bygone era as played by some of the top jazz musicians in the DC metropolitan area (who also happen to be women.)

History of Jazz

Sit back and relax as members of the Bullettes perform big band pieces ranging from small group hot Dixieland arrangements to the most modern jazz pieces while discussing the evolution of the jazz genre.

Women in Jazz

The Bullettes will perform a concert of pieces created and arranged by women jazz composers. Examples may include new and arranged pieces by Maria Schneider, Lil' Hardin Armstrong, Mary Lou Williams, and Tokisho Akiyoshi as well as music written or arranged by band members.

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Pictures



Bullettes Big Band

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