

Sinatra to Soul... That's How We Roll

"When **Chris Thomas** takes the stage, he doesn't just sing, he aims to embody the swagger and style of Dean Martin, Sammy Davis and Frank Sinatra, showing off his 30-plus years of professional dancing experience with every tap of his foot. With an 18-piece big band behind him — horns, rhythm section, guitar and keyboard ablaze — he lifts audiences out of their chairs." **Florida Times Union**, 7/20/17



Bio

A native of Chicago and long time resident of Jacksonville, Florida, vocalist *Chris Thomas* has the style and swagger of Sinatra and the performance excitement of James Brown and Bruno Mars. A professionally trained and competitive dancer, he combines dance, singing, and the best musicians in north Florida to deliver an unforgettable performance. In 2014 he formed *The Chris Thomas Band* in order to bring the highest level of quality and showmanship to his fans and audiences.

The Chris Thomas Band performs as small as a trio up through a full 19 piece big band. The band specializes in the performance of vintage Sinatra, soulful Motown, as well as current popular songs custom arranged for big band by its own band members.

Chris Thomas is an exciting entertainer fashioned in the way of the great performers of years gone by. *The Chris Thomas*

Band is bringing collaborations like Basie & Sinatra back bigger and better than ever before to audiences all over the world. **Chris Thomas** always gives a high energy, crowd interactive performance. **Chris** has built strong fan relationships by providing that personal touch during performances and via social media.

"If you have never been to a **Chris Thomas Band** performance then you just don't know what's good in Jacksonville." **Eden Kendall, WJXT**

"While (Chris) Thomas pays tribute to these singers and arrangers, he doesn't try to mimic or imitate these vocalists or their notations, instead putting his own original spin on ... the lyrics. The only word I can come up with is a simple one: soulful." Jerry Pearce, newzbreaker.com

"With his suave crooning and snappy tempo, **Chris Thomas** leads his band and audiences back to an



era when couples danced together and music collaboration was tight. Whether they perform as a duo, quartet, quintet or a full 18-piece big band, he and the talented collection of players have certainly got that swing". **First Coast Magazine**

TOUR 2017

Perfect Note, Birmingham, AL, SOLD OUT, July

Florida Times-Union Performing Arts Center, Jacksonville, FL, 600 seats SOLD OUT, July 25 United Kingdom - Sinatra to Soul Show Aug 29 - Sept 5

Reigate Manor, Surrey SOLD OUT; The Pheasantry Pizza Express, London SOLD OUT; Toulouse-Lautrec Jazz Club, London SOLD OUT; Upstairs at Ronnie Scott's, London FULL HOUSE



2017 - River City Live, WJXT performance, UK tour

Florida TImes-Union newspaper, TUCenter & UK tour 2016 - WICT First Coast Connect, Electro Lounge - CD

2015 - First Coast Magazine "local vocalist virtuoso":

WJXT Morning Show performance, UK tour

WTLV The Chat, UK tour



SOCIAL MEDIA - 80,000+ followers

Facebook: Chris Thomas Fan Club Chris Thomas 2 pages The Chris Thomas Band Chris Thomas UK, Spain, Mexico Fan Club Website: www.thechristhomasband.com Instagram: the christhomasband **Twitter:** the christhomas 1 YouTube: The Chris Thomas Band

MUSIC

Only the Beginning LP October 31, 2016 Roots Music Report: #11: International Jazz Album #38 Alright Okay You Win Jazz Singles #6 Cake by the Ocean Jazz Singles

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