

Concert Press Release – Big Band Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 10th, 7PM at the McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC)

The [Texins Jazz Band](#) has a 37-year history of producing concerts. The Big Band Mardi Gras theme has been our most popular concert. We bring you the music of Mardi Gras and New Orleans with a full big band. It's a festive and fun evening, and you might even catch some Mardi Gras beads.

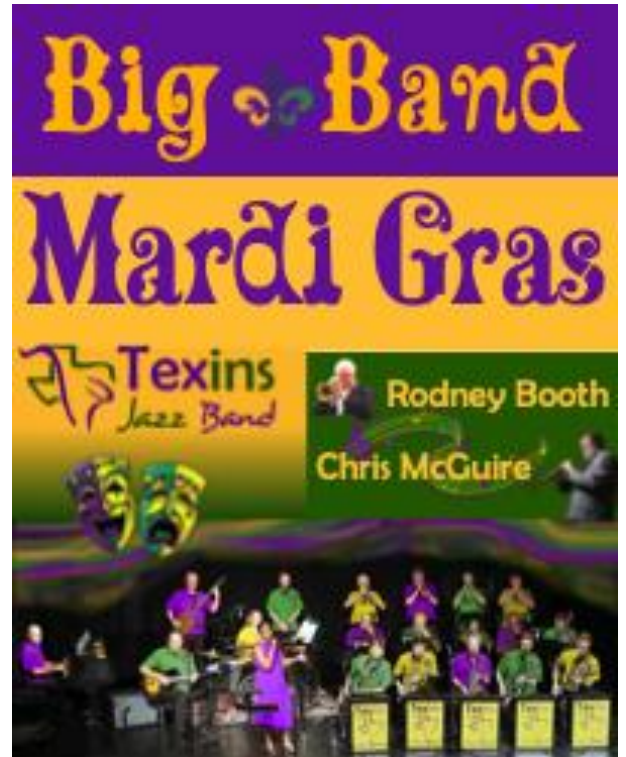
Last year we featured the great saxophone/clarinet player Chris McGuire as our guest. He'll be back by popular demand. We doubled down on great guests this year as we'll also feature Rodney Booth on trumpet.

[Rodney Booth](#) began his professional career at age sixteen as a trumpet player in his father's bands. He received his degree in Jazz Studies at the University of North Texas and was a member of the renowned North Texas State One O'Clock Lab Band. He traveled across North and South America and Europe with Woody Herman's Thundering Herd Big Band. He has performed with many major recording artists such as Lou Rawls, Nancy Wilson, Wayne Newton, Michael Feinstein, Dionne Warwick, Ella Fitzgerald, Marvin Hamlisch, Ray Charles and Natalie Cole.

Chris McGuire holds a Masters in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas, where he performed in the One O'Clock Lab Band. He currently teaches at the University of Texas at Arlington. He plays saxophone and clarinet with many bands - both locally and around the world.

Texins Jazz Band is a full 18-piece big band based in Dallas, TX. The band is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. From 1986-2019 the band operated as The Texas Instruments Jazz Band and was organized through the Texins Association (Dallas, Texas) of Texas Instruments. The group formed in the summer of 1986, sparked by an ad

placed in a TI company newspaper. The Texins Association ceased operation in 2019 and the band became the Texins Jazz Band in 2020. The majority of band members have STEM based degrees and careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The band is under the musical direction of [Bill Centera](#).



Big Band Mardi Gras with Texins Jazz Band featuring Rodney Booth and Chris McGuire

Date & Time: Saturday, February 10, 2024 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Tickets: On sale now - \$10 (students)-\$20 (adults) – link at <https://texinsjazz.com>

Direct Ticket Link: <https://tickets.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org/TheatreManager/1/online?performance=11202>

Venue: McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N Tennessee St, McKinney, TX 75069

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