



**INDEPENDENCE  
DAY**  
City of Dublin, Ohio USA  
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# Entertainment Biographies

## **Earth, Wind & Fire**

Earth, Wind & Fire is an award-winning band known for its innovative compositions and dynamic performing style. Skyrocketing to the top of the charts with hit songs such as "September," "Shining Star," and "Boogie Wonderland," Earth, Wind & Fire continues to uphold its unparalleled legacy as a bona fide musical powerhouse.

Throughout its 45 year history, Earth, Wind & Fire has received six Grammys and four American Music Awards. The band has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame and has sold over 90 million albums worldwide.

Earth, Wind & Fire's unique musical style has left a lasting impact on a diverse range of music genres throughout the twentieth century, influencing the modern sound of everything from R & B to rock to gospel. The band has produced 20 studio albums and recently celebrated its latest album release, "Now, Then & Forever," in 2013.

## **The Floorwalkers**

Originally from the greater Cleveland area, The Floorwalkers have been playing music together since their high school days. Now based in Columbus, this local band has made it their mission to introduce the Midwest to their unique "garage soul" sound.

In 2010, The Floorwalkers released their first full-length album, "The Natural Road," and have since embarked on several national tours. Drawing inspiration from soul, funk, reggae and folk music, The Floorwalkers proudly remain an independent force in the music world, a grassroots commitment that has garnered a large and devoted Midwest fan base.

The band is currently working on its sophomore album, an effort supported by a successful 2013 Kickstarter campaign funded entirely by fan donations.

## **The Emerald City Swing Orchestra**

The Emerald City Swing Orchestra is a 17-piece music ensemble that specializes in performing an extensive repertoire of classic and contemporary jazz and swing compositions. Made up entirely of members from the community, including many Dublin City Schools music teachers, the orchestra enjoys performing a mix of old jazz favorites and new toe-tapping arrangements.

Since its formation in 2001, the Emerald City Swing Orchestra has been an active organization within the Dublin community, performing at a variety of fundraising events, music festivals and accompanying several musical theater and student band performances throughout Central Ohio.