



## KEVIN MAHOGANY BIG BAND

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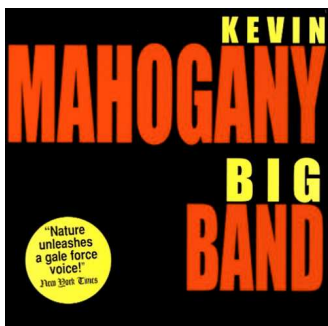
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Kevin Mahogany is unquestionably one of today's most exciting and musically adept jazz vocalists. His latest project, "Big Band," is, as the title suggests, a foray into the big band groove, and it's a mighty successful one. Mahogany worked with the Frank Mantooth Jazz Orchestra, Michael McGraw & the Kansas City Boulevard Big Band and the Big City Swing Big Band to pull together 10 very cool tracks. The emphasis is on such classy tunes as Thelonious Monk's "Ruby, My Dear" and Duke Ellington's "Don't Get Around Much Anymore."

Mahogany swings from first bar to last, and along the way several fine instrumental soloists step up, including Ramsey Lewis, Kim Park, Pat LaBarbera, Roy Hargrove and Paul McKee. "Big Band" is a wildly successful meeting of the minds, and it has an implicit message for jazz fans: Reports of the death of the big band have been greatly exaggerated.

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