

# Brian Michael Smith

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Columbus native **Brian Michael Smith** brings back musical memories as the area's premier performer of the great standards of the big band era. Whether your event requires a big band, octet, trio or the intimate performance of a vocalist with piano accompaniment, Brian's impeccable style will add a touch of class to your festivities.

His "Frankly Speaking" show includes a variety of Sinatra tunes and instrumentals performed by the John Vermeulen Octet. In addition to his work with the octet, Brian has performed with Vaughn Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra, the Dayton Jazz Orchestra, and the Rick Brunetto Big Band as well as duet and trio acts.

One of the top vocalists in the area, Brian returned to the Columbus music scene in 2000 after 13 years in New York City. His NYC career includes appearances on the Manhattan Cable program "Cabaret Beat", feature vocalist at the world famous Rainbow Room atop 30 Rockefeller Center and off Broadway productions of "Finian's Rainbow", "Annie Get Your Gun", "South Pacific" and "Cinderella", as well as performing in various Manhattan night clubs.



*"I am listening to you sing as I type this and well, all I can say is, "YOU ARE A PROPER SINGER!"...I am sure that anyone who hears what I heard will have to agree that you are a marvelous singer, and I would be the first to recommend you...Keep singing – BECAUSE YOU CAN SING!"*

**-Sammy Cahn, Lyricist for countless Frank Sinatra songs**