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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents the
South Shore Syncopators Dance Orchestra
featuring vocalist Holly Sickinger

**Unique Jazz Band Authentically Recreates the Pre-Swing Jazz
Era, 1925 to '35, when Radio was King and Jazz, Brand New**

March 4, 2010, Dix Hills, New York – The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center will present the very unique South Shore Syncopators Dance Orchestra, March 21, 2010 at 2 p.m., a band which has delighted audiences with its authentic recreation of the pre-swing decade of 1925-1935. Tickets are \$20. Joining the Long Island-based band will be noted local vocalist Holly Sickinger, who has performed both as a soloist and in musical theater roles.

Projecting the original and exhilarating spirit of the music, the South Shore Syncopators deliver each song, from high-flying killer-dillers and bitter sweet love ballads to whimsical novelties, in a fresh and endearing style that's all their own. From the era of the Harlem cabaret, the Ziegfeld Follies and Vaudeville to the Art Deco world of Busby Berkeley film musicals, the South Shore Syncopators draw from the rich music cornucopia of the time and present works by some of the most famous composers of the era.

The South Shore Syncopators play only from original scores printed in the 1920s and 30s, giving them a rarely encountered authenticity. What they cannot find in printed music they painstakingly transcribe from 78rpm recordings by the original artists. From no other local Long Island orchestra will you hear Fletcher Henderson's arrangement of "I'll See You in My Dreams" complete with Louis Armstrong's historic trumpet solo, or Paul Whiteman's arrangement of "From Monday On" with the very same vocal trio which featured the young Bing Crosby back in 1928. If you want to hear what the 1920s and 30s truly sounded like, then the South Shore Syncopators Dance Orchestra will not disappoint. The band does not imitate the music of the past but recreates it, bringing it vividly to life for a whole new generation of music lovers.

Doug Ramsey, jazz critic for JazzTimes and Downbeat has said of the band, "The musicianship and verve of The South Shore Syncopators infuse a special spirit that takes their playing beyond preservation of the past into the realm of music that thrives in the present."

The South Shore Syncopators also offer a two-hour revue show recreating a remote band broadcast, the type of which could be heard on the radio airwaves in the late 20s-early 30s. With five vocalists, an announcer and the ten piece South Shore Syncopators Dance Orchestra have hosted 1929 Wall Street Crash Bashes, celebrated the Repeal of Prohibition, commemorated Lindbergh's Transatlantic Flight, and turned a video debut into a "Roaring '20s Movie Premiere Night."

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

*The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org *Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).*

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