

Paige DeChausse

From her “hometown to Hollywood ”...this petit powerhouse began singing at age four. Taking part in local and state talent competitions, Paige also sang the national anthem for Chicagoland Speedway events like Busch Nascar. With her first paid gig at age 15, she was soon found in



local clubs and restaurants singing on a weekly basis. Influenced by blues, soul, and country music, Paige began singing with a local blues band, the Chicago Blues Angels. She attended Joliet Junior College to study music, was granted two vocal scholarships, and acquired her Associates of Arts degree. Paige auditioned for American Idol Season 9 and received the golden ticket to Hollywood ! Paige can often be found performing with Chicago Blues Angels, JP and the Cats, The New Invaders, or the High Society Orchestra. She plans to begin working on her first album soon!

Tony Kidonakis

Tony was drawn to the musical opportunities of Morris, Illinois from school programs to professional group Blues Victim. Tony went on to receive a Bachelor of Music Education from Northern Illinois University followed by a Master of Music Education from VanderCook College of Music. At NIU, he was a member of the world-renown Jazz Ensemble, recording and touring throughout the U.S. and Europe . He claims titles to four Chicago Beatfest sound-a-like contests, and has performed with numer-



ous local bands as well as classic recording artists such as The Cryan’ Shames, Gene “Duke of Earl” Chandler and the Drifters. Tony has performed at Chicago 's top solo piano venue "The Redhead Piano Bar," and at Chicago's premier dueling piano club, "Howl at the Moon.” He taught five years as a band director in Downers Grove Grade School District 58. Currently, he holds the position of assistant professor of saxophone and jazz studies at VanderCook College of Music. While maintaining a full teaching schedule, Tony continues to entertain club and festival audiences, as well as countless private parties, weddings, and special events. On November 1, 2005, Tony performed live with the Redwalls on NBC's "Tonight Show with Jay Leno.”