

SHORT BIO:

International Lindy Hop champion Naomi Uyama has formed a band with some of her very favorite jazz musicians to bring you the most swing possible. Since coming together in 2013 Naomi & Her Handsome Devils have played some of the biggest and best lindy hop events from South Korea to Sweden and everywhere in between. Their recordings are played at dances around the world. This is small group swing with big band sensibility.

Alternate SHORT BIO:

Naomi & Her Handsome Devils are a 7 piece band striving for the sound of that swing era sweet spot. Naomi founded the Devils after working with some of the best bands on the swing dance/lindy hop scene, and as a top international lindy hopper herself she knew just what she wanted to hear on the dance floor and just who she wanted to play it. The Devils have decades of experience playing hot jazz as some of the top young talent in the Chicago and New York traditional jazz scenes, and Naomi hand picked her favorite musicians to come together and make music. Put it all together and you have a modern band with a vintage sound, swinging dance floors around the world.

LONG BIO:

Naomi Uyama has been steeped in classic jazz from the swing era since beginning her lindy hop career at 16 years old. After going crazy for swing dancing, winning international awards, and teaching around the world she began to focus more on the music. She started singing and studying, moving to New York City for more access to the growing traditional jazz scene there. After getting to work with some of the lindy scene's most prominent bands she decided to form the Handsome Devils.

As the idea took shape the focus was on choosing the right guys. The musicians had to be great players, have respect for dancers, and work well together on and off the bandstand. The Devils were all hand picked from the top talent in the classic jazz scenes of New York and Chicago.

Since coming together in 2013 Naomi & Her Handsome Devils has played some of the biggest and best lindy hop events around the world. They released their debut self-titled album in 2014 at the world's largest swing dance camp- Herräng, and their sophomore album "The Devils' Music" in 2016 at The Snowball in Stockholm, Sweden. Their following has grown beyond swing dancers and they have played the renowned Dakota Jazz Club in Minneapolis and Amager Bio in Copenhagen, Denmark. They are a modern band with a vintage sound, swinging dance floors around the world.