

## **Greg Poppleton & his Bakelite Dance Band – the band behind “The Phantom Dancer”**

**Greg Poppleton & his Bakelite Dance Band** hail from Sydney. The band was formed by **Greg Poppleton** in 2003 to perform and promote 1920s Hot Jazz, 1930s small group Swing and the original crooning style of the 1920s & 30s as exemplified by **Bing Crosby, Annette Hanshaw, Russ Colombo & Al Bowly**. All band members are long-time professional Jazz & Swing musicians who have toured the US and around the World

**Greg Poppleton & his Bakelite Dance Band** have released a **Swing Era** tribute CD – **“The Phantom Dancer”**. The album contains small group swing versions of 14 classic Swing Era songs including such well-known hits as “It’s Only a Paper Moon”, “My Blue Heaven” and “Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen” among others. All tracks feature authentic 1920s & 30s Australian accented vocals by Greg Poppleton and were recorded live in the studio ‘Swing Era Style’ so that you get all the energy of a live performance & the feel of a genuine Swing Era recording. **“The Phantom Dancer”** was recorded in three, three hour sessions in one day. Many of the tracks are first takes

Together with **“The Phantom Dancer”**, **Greg Poppleton** has recorded one CD-EP. Singer & bandleader, Greg Poppleton, has had a passion for the pop music of the 1920s & 30s since the age of 3 when he first saw Louis Armstrong on a TV ‘telescription’. Greg’s Phantom Dancer radio show, after which the album is named, is Australia’s longest Swing radio show. Since 1985, Greg has played live swing & jazz from 1920s-60s radio over 2SER-FM Sydney on his twice-weekly radio show. The Phantom Dancer program won CBAA Best Music Show 2007 out of a field of 180 radio stations

**Greg Poppleton & his Bakelite Dance Band** have a growing Sydney fan base and growing international presence through websites, online radio broadcast in the US and Japan, and through CD sales. The band has been chosen to play at such landmark occasions as the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Film Australia. It opened the 2007 season of Sunset Jazz at SKYCITY Darwin and opened for Mojo Juju at The Vanguard

**Greg Poppleton & his Bakelite Dance Band** spend most of their time touring and promoting their authentically sung and played small group 1920s Jazz & 1930s Swing with a distinctive Australian voice and flavour. Judging from the feedback **Greg Poppleton & his Bakelite Dance Band** have received so far, the band has generated a lot of positive interest among both dance band and Swing music fans

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