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Sinatra-style Big-Band Vocalist: Standards, Swing Specialty.

Ken Nelson performs Sinatra style music for any occasion.

"Start spreading the news....the Northeast Texas area has its own Chairman of the Board! Ken Nelson hits a high note with Sinatra fans." (NE EXPRESS, May 2002).



Nelson, one of the best known "Sinatra-style" performers, regularly entertains his audience with famous Swing and Big Band Music from days past. Often called "Young Blue Eyes", the big band vocalist and self-professed Sinatraphile has been performing the swinging standards popularized by Frank Sinatra since 1995, when he wrote, produced, directed and starred in an Off Broadway Rodgers and Hart cabaret revue entitled "An Evening With... 'Pal Joey' And Friends" (based on the classic Frank Sinatra musical film "Pal Joey").

"Let's Swing ... A-Ding-Ding!", his hit-filled debut release, is a 23 song tribute to the Chairman's music, available exclusively at select Borders and Barnes & Noble stores in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, as well as at personal appearances and by mail. (The MSRP for the CD is \$15.95 and cassettes \$10.95.)

Nelson is currently working on a follow-up ("S'more S'wing!") and a Christmas album. He is accompanied by the 22 piece Al Raymond Orchestra on these recordings. The Philadelphia-based big band has previously backed notables such as Mel Torme, Vic Damone, Tony Bennett, Jack Jones and Frank Sinatra, Jr., to name a few. Some of the individual musicians even worked with the senior Sinatra during his hey-day.

Musical arrangements on "Let's Swing... A-Ding-Ding!" are in the styles of the greats-- Nelson Riddle, Billy May, Don Costa and Quincy Jones-- from Old Blue Eyes' years at Capitol and Reprise. Selections include Sinatra's signature tunes like "New York, New York", "Witchcraft", "Fly Me To The Moon", "The Lady Is A Tramp", "Night And Day", "I've Got You Under My Skin", and many more.

"Let's Swing... A-Ding-Ding!" is getting airplay on easy-listening format stations in Dallas, New York, Newark (NJ), Los Angeles, Philadelphia and in other major markets and has received much critical acclaim. Dallas' "Legends 770" KAAM Radio has taken notice and featured Nelson on a number of programs, including Jaan McCoy's early morning "Breakfast Club", where he is often introduced as "Mister Sinatra" by the host. He is a favorite of the station's on-air personalities Jack Bishop and Linda Martin and listeners, alike, and his album generates requests on a regular basis.

Three-plus years after the record's release, it is still generating "ink" for Nelson. In fact, the January 2003 edition of SINGER Magazine (a national trade periodical) states that "... while Ken has mighty big shoes to fill, his CD reveals (him) as a solid substitute for the original Chairman of the Board". The LINK (August 2002) simply states, "one would almost think it was Sinatra himself". Rutgers University's ALUM-KNIGHTS (a publication of Nelson's alma-mater) quotes nationally syndicated radio host Sid Mark ("Sounds of Sinatra") in its Winter 2003 edition as praising the singer for doing "all he can to keep the Sinatra tradition going forward". Mark was a long time friend of Sinatra and his family for nearly fifty years.

Nelson however, does not consider himself to be an imitator or impersonator, but—rather—an interpreter of Sinatra's music. ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE (June 2002) agrees, commenting on his "smooth delivery and vocals" and affirming "the Sinatra style and flair (is) unmistakable, but the voice (is) completely Nelson's own".

"Let's Swing...A-Ding-Ding!" has been approved by the Frank Sinatra estate. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each CD and cassette is donated to the Frank Sinatra Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization which Sinatra started before his death. The Foundation, administered by Sinatra's daughter, works with a number of children's and family charities nationwide. The CD is part of a permanent museum exhibit at the public library in Sinatra's hometown of Hoboken, NJ. Nelson's independent label "Hobo-Ken" (a subsidiary of his Nels 'n Co. Productions) is a nod to that famous city.

Equally at home on TV as on stage or recording, Nelson recently hosted "Frank Sinatra-Classic Duets" for PBS. Produced by Sinatra's Bristol Productions, the program featured interviews with his children (Nancy, Frank, Jr. and Tina) and rare film clips from his late 1950's television appearances with Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Shore, Peggy Lee, Bing Crosby, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr. and others.

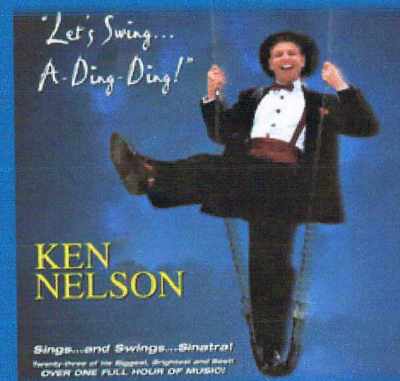
Lately, Nelson has been including "Frank And Friends" in his performances, paying tribute to Sinatra and his contemporaries too, such as his "Rat Pack" pals, Nat "King" Cole, Tony Bennett and Bobby Darin. The coffee house and supper club crowd really seem to "dig" it!

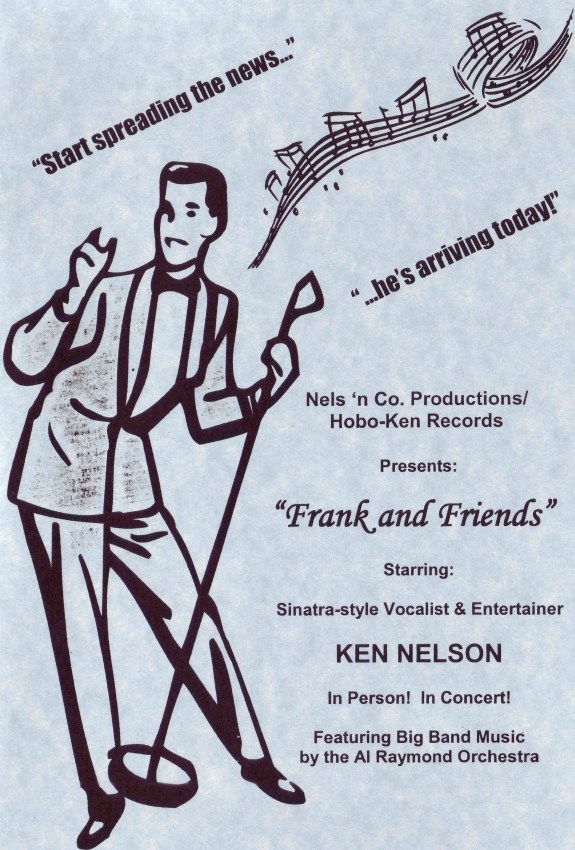
Nelson's act, appealing to all ages and in all venues, has a special place in the hearts of seniors. He is a frequent entertainer at area senior centers and retirement communities and, for the past five years, he has emceed and headlined the Ms. Texas Senior America Pageant held annually in Dallas.

When not vocalizing with a live band, Nelson sings to CD accompaniment tracks provided by the musicians with whom he records. A certified theatre instructor (currently teaching with the Dallas Summer Musicals School), he has coined the term "edu-tainment" to describe his shows, which often include trivia and background information relating to the songs, their composers and performers in an entertaining, yet informative program. Audience participation is always encouraged!

For information on bookings or to purchase a CD or cassette, please contact Nels 'n Co. Productions at 3024 Oakridge Drive, Bedford, TX 76021 or phone (817) 571-2303.

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"Truly a delight...folks were dancing in the aisles!" – FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Whether it's the hits of the "Rat Pack", Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett or others, **KEN NELSON** **"hits a high note with fans of Frank Sinatra" (NE EXPRESS)** and his contemporaries. Often referred to as "Young Blue Eyes", this crooner serves up Swing and Standards "Sinatra-style", accompanied by the same arrangements and musicians that first made these songs famous...over five decades of Big Band classics from the "Great American Songbook"...for your listening or dancing pleasure!

"A classic!" – DALLAS OBSERVER

Recognized by the Frank Sinatra Foundation, **KEN NELSON** has performed from coast-to-coast, having recently returned from Branson (MO), "The Live Music Show Capital of the World"! He has been featured on all the major television networks, including PBS (where he hosted "Frank Sinatra-Classic Duets").

"Something for everyone!" – FW WEEKLY

Available for public venues...restaurants, supper clubs, cafes...and private parties...birthdays, weddings, anniversaries...**KEN NELSON** will customize his program for any location or occasion...for the young and "Young at Heart"!

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"This sounds like Sinatra!" – DIRD BROADCASTING

"A demand performance...one more time!" – ABC TV

"Outstanding! Awesome!" – NBC TV

SINGER MAGAZINE has named **KEN NELSON** a **"solid substitute for the original Chairman of the Board"**, as he **"carries the tradition forward for a new generation" (LIVE 'N LOUD)**. "Legends 770" KAAM RADIO attests **"Mr. Sinatra would be proud"**. The press, radio and TV stations and fans nationwide concur...not to mention Dick Clark! See if you do, as well!

"The music of our lives!" – THE LINK

"Perfect...a celebration!" – ICTN TV

Make your event an extra-special celebration by including **KEN NELSON** and the ageless music of **"Frank and Friends"**. Don't delay! Call Nels 'n Co. Productions/Hobo-Ken Records today: (817) 571-2303 or e-mail nelsnco@yahoo.com for a price quote!

Before long, you'll be singing his praises, too!



KEN NELSON

"The Sinatra style and flair is unmistakable!" – ENTERTAINMENT SHOWCASE
(Photo taken at Ft. Worth's Bass Performance Hall by Scott M. Nelson)

Ken Nelson

AEA
(AFTRA - SAG Eligible)

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Weight: 170 lbs.
Hair: Light Sandy Brown
Eyes: Blue-Green
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Film

"A Matter Of Honor" (Feature)	Ashley	Crossed Sabre Films	(D: Fred Watkins)
"Love Hurts" (Feature)	Caterer	Vestron Pictures	(D: Bud Yorkin)
"The Initiation" (Feature)	College student	New World Pictures	(D: Larry Stewart)
"The Weekend Of Our Discontent"	Eddie	New Vista One/ICTN	(D: John Carstarphen)
"Fire And Rain"	Police officer	Pierre Cossette	(D: Jerry Jameson)

Television

"Celebrity" (Mini-Series)	Cult member	NBC Productions	(D: Paul Wendkos)
"Dallas, The Early Years" (M.O.W.)	Hotel guest	Lorimar Telepictures	(D: Leonard Katzman)
"The Jesse Owens Story" (M.O.W.)	Spectator	Paramount Television	(D: Richard Irving)
"The All New Dating Game"	Bachelor #3	Barris-Guber-Peters	
"Dallas"	Bailiff (recurring)	Lorimar Productions/CBS	
"Crime Stoppers"	Honeymooner	KXAS-TV/NBC News	

Broadcast

"About Towne"	Co-anchor	ICTN/Paragon
"Channel 13 Auction"	Host	KERA-TV/PBS
"Newsweek On The Air"	Announcer	North Texas Radio For The Blind
"Texas Rangers Baseball"	Anthem singer	WBAP-AM

Industrials and Commercials

On-camera, voice-over and live. List and tape available upon request. National credits.

Stage

"Thanks For The Memories"	Hupp	Off Broadway Theatre Restaurant
"Annie Get Your Gun"	Frank Butler	Lyric Stage/KD Studio
"Pal Joey"	Joey	Applause Dinner Theatre
"The Music Man"	Harold Hill	Starlight Musicals
"Godspell"	Jesus	Starlight Musicals
"Oklahoma!"	Curly	Starlight Musicals
"Choices"	Michael	Sheethouse Music/JCC
"The Wizard Of Oz"	Tin Man	Casa Mañana Playhouse
"The Odd Couple"	Murray	Gaslight Playhouse
"Flowers For Algernon"	Charlie	Runway Theatre
"The Mouse That Roared"	Tully	Runway Theatre
"Bye Bye Birdie"	Conrad	Runway Theatre
"Bus Stop"	Bo	Backdoor Theatre
"You Can't Take It With You"	Tony	Northeast Playhouse
"Jesus Christ, Superstar"	Pilate	Northeast Playhouse
"A View From The Bridge"	Rodolpho	Scott Theater
"Our Town"	George	Heritage Players

Education and Training

Rutgers University: BA, Mass Communications; Middlesex College: AA, Liberal Arts.
Adam Roarke's Film Actors Lab. KD Studio, Actors Conservatory of the Southwest.

Skills, Sports and Hobbies

Dialects, character voices, working with children and animals, interviewing, improvisational comedy. Swimming, bicycling, exercising, running. Cooking, gardening, photography. Voice: tenor/baritone.

Additional Related Experience

- Vocalist - Gary Lee's Big Band Orchestra
- Company member - Murder Mystery Players
- Resident performer/teacher - Casa Mañana Playhouse
- Children's director - KD Studio/Class A.C.C.T.
- Published playwright/composer - "A Country Christmas Carol"



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