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## BIOGRAPHY

Mike has been playing for audiences since 1972, with band mate John Haggerty, when they both began playing the folk mass at their hometown church. He juggled professional musician duties while beginning a 30 year career as a Physical Education Teacher and Coach. Upon retirement, this past June (2016), Mike decided to pursue his music career on a full-time basis and began performing at retirement communities, facilities and schools. Besides managing a very busy solo schedule, Mike plays with renowned Celtic band, "Get Up Jack" and jazz quartet, "The Standard Clams". He also teaches every summer at "Make the Band" Rock Camp at Blue Sky Studios in Delmar, NY.

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"Mike doesn't know how good he really is! He has one of the top voices in the whole Upstate New York region."

– **J. Holland/ Manager Albany AOH Hall**

Metroland Readers Vote "The Standard Clams" **#1 Jazz Band in its 2012 Reader's Poll**

Readers of the Metroland, the Capital Region's alternative newsweekly, have spoken! The Standard Clams "came out of nowhere" to tie Michael Benedict's celebrated project, Bopitude, to claim the title as #1 jazz band in the region!

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