

The Spicy Pickles feat. Hannah Rodriguez

Press:

"Joe Smith & The Spicy Pickles are intent on bringing swing back to a new generation, and are doing a magnificent job of replicating not only the music, but the general atmosphere of the era as well." - [James Nadal, All About Jazz](#)

"While clearly belonging to the present, this music channels all of the energy and pure *joie de vivre* that the bands of old had." - [Bud Kopman, All About Jazz](#)

"The overriding sense you get from listening to Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles' *High Fidelity* is one of well-being, a grin on your face and it is not music which warps the mind. In fact, it is probably the most wholesome thing I have heard in quite a little while." - [Sammy Stein, Something Else Reviews](#)

Bio

Short:

The Spicy Pickles includes singer Hannah Rodriguez-who is a four-time Downbeat Award Winner- backed by a 7-piece ensemble. Earning their reputation as a Swing Band that gets everyone up on their feet, the Denver-based Spicy Pickles have broadened their set lists to include elements of jazz, funk, soul, and pop. They draw inspiration from legends like James Brown, T-Bone Walker, and Count Basie. They also embrace contemporary influences such as Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings, Amy Winehouse, and The California Honeydrops. The Spicy Pickles also compose their own original music which has been placed in film and commercials around the world, such as Yorgos Lanthimos' "The Killing of a Sacred Deer."

The Spicy Pickles have been touring for over a decade, spreading the "brine" from coast to coast. Memorable performances include the Main Stage at Telluride Jazz Festival, Sun Valley Jazz and Music Festival, Redwood Coast Music Festival, San Diego Jazz Festival, Elkhart Jazz Festival, Bix Beiderbecke Jazz Festival, and many others.