

## charts

### Top 10 Local Albums

#### Joe Nardone's Gallery of Sound

1. "Ten Thousand Fists" - Disturbed
2. "Prairie Wind" - Neil Young
3. "Late Registration" - Kanye West
4. "Dark Light" - HLM
5. "Trinity" - Sean Paul
6. "Hefty Fine" - Bloodhound Gang
7. "Have A Nice Day" - Bon Jovi
8. "Jacksonville City..." - Ryan Adams
9. "Naked Truth" - Little Kim
10. "Good Apollo I'm..." - Coheed & Cambria

### 97BHT 97 BHT Top 8 at 8

#### Gallery of Sound Top 8 at 8 with JoJo

8. "Photograph" - Nickelback
7. "Bellydancer (Bonanza)" - Akon
6. "Because of You" - Kelly Clarkson
5. "Lose Control" - Missy Elliot
4. "Golddigger" - Kanye West
3. "Shake it Off" - Mariah Carey
2. "Sugar, We're Goin Down" - Fall Out Boy
1. "My Humps" - Black Eyed Peas

### 979 The X Top 8 at 9

#### Gallery of Sound New Rock Top 8 at 9 with Zoey

8. "Bat Country" - Avenged Sevenfold
7. "Get Stoned" - Hinder
6. "Only" - Nine Inch Nails
5. "Home Sweet Home" - Motley Crue
4. "Twisted Transistor" - Korn
3. "Photograph" - Nickelback
2. "Sugar, We're Goin Down" - Fall Out Boy
1. "I'm So Sick" - Flyleaf

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Bret Alexander,  
playing tunes from  
Saturation Acres

## Mack jazzes up the standards

Though plenty of area music fans have seen Mark Mack crooning at various nightspots over the past four years, the man who loves to sing Sinatra has a new sound of late. Mack's polished band is now billed as "The Mark Mack Orchestra," and as the moniker implies, it's got a few new members and comes with plenty of brass.

"I'm addicted to these horns," says Mack with a chuckle. "I love these four horns. Now, with an eight-piece band - with the four horns and a stand-up bass - I'm getting exactly the sound I want. I am not compromising. And that's what makes it so thrilling to me."

In addition to playing with a bigger sound, Mack is also about to release his second CD, "Mack The Knife," the follow-up to 2003's "In The Glare of the Spotlight." The 19-song album, which celebrates great jazz and pop standards, offers classic numbers by artists such as Bobby Darin, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett and, of course, Frank Sinatra.

"They're my favorite singers, and their style is my favorite," says Mack. "I always loved it, from early, early on. I can remember coming down the steps when I was 10 years old, and I'd here Sinatra in my house, or Bobby Drain, and my father would be playing them. It just kind of got ingrained in me, and it just grew on me."

Mack began performing four years ago with the Marty Edwards Jazz Organization, who he still credits and thanks for giving him his first chance to sing, and he has played at venues such as The Woodlands, Aprilia and The Ramada in Clarks Summit. More recently, he's been performing at Nightcaps in Edwardsville, where he says he's been booked regularly though 2006.

Mack says the piano arrangements on his new CD were done by Ron Stabinsky and the horn arrangements were done by Maestro Giacomo Simonelli. For his live performances, he is joined by Stabinsky, bassist Joe Cole and drummer Mark Sullivan. The horn section includes Nelson Hill on saxophone, Danny Cahn on trumpet, Alan Gaumer of trumpet and Kevin Haines on trombone.



### CELEBRATING THE GREAT STANDARDS

WHAT: Mark Mack's "Mack The Knife" CD release party and Make-A-Wish benefit

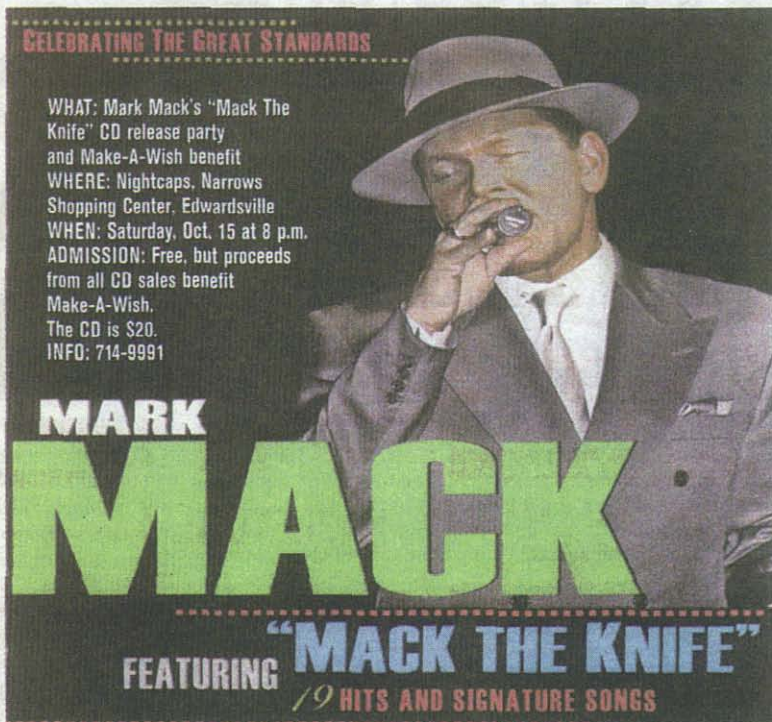
WHERE: Nightcaps, Narrows Shopping Center, Edwardsville

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free, but proceeds from all CD sales benefit Make-A-Wish.

The CD is \$20.

INFO: 714-9991



"It's amazing, working with these guys," says Mack. "They're just so professional and they play so well. It's like I fell in a pot of gold. They're incredible."

In addition to being a popular singer with a smooth voice and a debonair style, Mack is also one of the area's more prominent attorneys. A graduate of Wyoming Seminary, he also graduated from Syracuse University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan. He later served as Luzerne County assistant district attorney and eventually went into private practice as a criminal defense lawyer.

Mack says that when he was working on his new album, his goal - and his greatest challenge - was to bring a fresh musical approach to songs that were tried and true. And though it was a daunting task tweaking tunes such as "Almost Like Being In Love," "L Left My Heart In San Francisco" and "There Will Never Be Another You," he admits being pleased with the results.

"We wanted it to be an updated version

of Sinatra and Darin's type of music," says Mack. "We wanted to give a little more of a youthful bend to it, because I think there are a lot of young people that would be interested in this music."

The album, which sells for \$20, is available at all Gallery of Sound stores and will also be available at a special CD release party on Oct. 15 at Nightcaps in Edwardsville. Admission to the show is free, and all proceeds from the CD will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Pennsylvania. There will also be various raffles at the show, and all proceeds, as well as revenue proceeds, will also aid Make-A-Wish.

Make says he's grateful for the way his singing has been received by area music fans and simply enjoys giving something back to the region. He adds that he's glad to have brought something different to area nightclubs.

"Everyone has really encouraged me so much," he says. "Everywhere we've gone, people have been happy, and have enjoyed the music."