

Brief Description	One of the all time favorite Beach Music bands, the Band of Oz evolved from the Avengers and have been one of the top bands in the genre. In 2005, the Band of Oz added three new horn players which is a sign that the Heeey Baby Days are coming back. Hear the Band of Oz on the sound track to the book with "More Today Than Yesterday", a great title for a band that continues to give their audiences more.			
Year Established	1965-Current			
Favorite Venues				
Music Genre/Recordings	R&B: singles: Shaggin' (1978) "Star of My Life" (1979) "Ocean Boulevard" (1982) Albums/CDs: <i>Keep Keepin' It Up</i> (1983) <i>One More Step</i> "includes the hit " Over the Rainbow "(1986) <i>Let It Roll</i> (1995) <i>Dancin' In The Streets</i> () <i>Over The Rainbow</i>			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Manning, Doug	Clayton, NC	Guitar	1965-	Northtower / Later
Gore, Mike	Deceased	Guitar	1965-1965	
Ball, Allen	Greenville, NC	Saxophone	1965-1966	
Wallace, Allen	Kinston, NC	Saxophone	1965-1966	
Edwards, Carl	Hugo, NC	Keyboard	1965-1967	
Edwards, Tommy	Hugo, NC	Drums	1965-1967	
Houston, Keith	Dunn, NC	Guitar	1965-Current	Band of OZ
Smith, Jimmy	Wilmington	Trumpet	1967-1969	
Byrd, Johnnie	Kinston, NC	Bass	1967-1970	Band of OZ
Johnson, Buddy	Kinston, NC	Vocals	1967-1970	Came up with Name Band
McLawhorn, Whitt	Grifton	Keyboard	1968-1969	
Meeks, Kenny	Kinston NC	Drums	1968-1969	
Tripp, Freddie	Charlotte, NC	Trumpet	1968-1980	Band of OZ
Hignite, Randy	Greenville, NC	Keyboards	1969-1972	
Heindenrich, Jim	Hugo, NC	Drums	1969-1975	
French, Chuck	Wake Forest, NC	Trumpet	1969-Current	
Warren, Gary	Greenville, NC	Trumpet	1970-1971	
Bazamore, Billy	Raleigh, NC	Vocals	1971-1985	
Winstead, Doug	Rocky Mount,NC	Trombone, Vocals	1975-1980	
Lynch, Bo		Saxophone	1976-1977	
Hicks, David		Drums	1976-Current	Two brothers were drummers as well
Thompson, John	Burlington, NC	Bass, Vocals	1980-1996	Now Rhythm Brothers
Barnes, Butch	Raleigh, NC	Saxophone	1980-1985, 1991-2005	Left 1985, returned 1991, left 2005
Hardle, Mickey		Keyboards	1981-1983	
Franks, David		Keyboards	1983-91-2000-Current	
Keaton, Chris		Saxophone	1985-	

Adams, Doug		Vocals	1985-1986	
Brown, Gary	Murrells Inlet, SC	Vocals	1985-1990	From Catalinas
Grossman, Mark		Sound Tech	1991-Current	From Nantucket, Northtower
Strickland, Rick	Columbia, SC	Bass, Vocals	1996-1998	Jerry West returns
West, Jerry		Bass, Vocals	1996-Current	Left for Nashville 1.5 Years
Fine, Scott		Trombone, Vocals	2005-Current	
Morris, Daniel		Saxophone, Vocals	2005-Current	
Morris, Tim		Trumpet	2005-Current	