

Tip Tops / Hawkinsville, Georgia

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| Brief Description | Great Horn band that played the fraternity circuit looking and sounding much like the Swingin' Medallions. The band even rerecorded the Medallions' <i>She Drives Me Out of My Mind</i> . It was never released and neither was a great cover of <i>Ain't No Big Thing</i> , sung by Rudy Lancaster. One cut, <i>Whose Little Girl Are You</i> , is exceptional and features the vocals of lead singer, Larry Brown. The song was written by Joe South and was apparently intended for the Tams because it sounds like a Tams' song, but is not included on the Tams discography. It's classic Beach Music. Narratives of the bands experiences in the '60s are provided by Tim Mixon and Rudy Lancaster. | | | |
| Year Established | 1965-1971 | | | |
| Favorite Venues | Southeastern Fraternities & Sororities, College and High School Formals, Debutant Balls, Officers' Clubs, The Beach Club, etc. | | | |
| Music Genre/Recordings | R&B: The Tip Tops never released a record, but recorded several great covers that were excellent. Other unreleased singles include: <i>She Drives Me Out of My Mind</i> and <i>Ain't No Big Thing</i> . | | | |
| Performer | Now Resides | Instrument | Years In The Band | Notes |
| Linder, Lewis | Statesboro, Georgia | Saxophone, Trumpet | 1965-1971 | |
| Malone, G.A. | Statesboro, Georgia | Drums, Vocals | 1965-1971 | |
| Brown, Larry | Hawkinsville, Georgia | Lead Vocals, Saxophone | 1965-1971 | |
| Culpepper, Andy | Jacksonville, Florida | Trumpet, Keyboards | 1965-1968 | |
| Mixon, Tim | Athens, Georgia | Keyboards, Bass, Vocals | 1965-1969 | Once loaned Booker T. his Farfisa |
| Williams, Robert | Deceased | Guitar, Vocals | 1965-1969 | |
| Lancaster, Rudy | Cordele, Georgia | Lead Vocals, Saxophone | 1965-1971 | |
| Ivey, Jake | | Trumpet, Vocals | 1968-1971 | |
| Baker, Tom | Deceased | Keyboards, Vocals | 1969-1971 | |
| Morgan, David | Abbeville, Georgia | Guitar, Vocals | 1969-1971 | |
| Jessup, Rusty | Deceased | Saxophone, Vocals | 1970-1971 | |
| Don Wingate | Deceased | Road Manager | 1966-1971 | |
| Tom Linder | Atlanta, Georgia | Original Agent, Manager | 1966-1969 | |
| Malone, G.A. "Red" | Deceased | Logistics Coordinator, etc. | 1966-1971 | |
| Griffin, Benjamin | Cordele, Georgia | Consultant and Advisor | 1966-1971 | |