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THE HEATHER EDWARDS BAND

"The Heather Edwards Band" is one of the new hottest upcoming bands in Hampton Roads. Even though "The Heather Edwards Band" is considered a new band, Heather Edwards with her strong vocal talent and the band musicians are not new to performing in Hampton Roads. Most recently Heather Edwards, lead singer, Tom Gogarty, lead rhythm guitar and vocals, Bob Burrows, bass and vocals, were all former members of "The 24 Seven Band." The former breakup of "The 24 Seven Band" was a mutual agreement between all band members and its band owner in January of this year.

Heather Edwards, Tom Gogarty and Bob Burrows had a vision of starting their own band where all members would dynamically "click" and have a vote in all band decisions. This is how they have run "The Heather Edwards Band" with the addition of Brandon Kuptz, lead rhythm guitar and vocals and their drummer J.T. Blum. Their vision is strong and their appearances are hot! You cannot only see the dynamics of the band but you can feel it. You are not just getting country music but country music with a shot of rock n' roll and a performance you would not want to miss! Each show is as entertaining as the last and the extraordinary musical talent combined with years of performing experience brings an exciting and dynamic show that keeps the dance floor packed and the crowd wanting more from the first note to the last!

"The Heather Edwards Band" most recent event was headlining the Annual Pepsi Independence Day Celebration in Johnson City, Tennessee on July 4th, 2005 before an audience of 50,000. National acts they have opened for were Diamond Rio and Alison Krauss. Outside venues include Pungo Strawberry Festival, Virginia Peanut Festival, Oceanview Pier Fest, Mill Point Park and 17th Street Stage in Virginia Beach. The Band has been seen around town at many local venues including Mitty's, Desperados, Goodfellas, Starz, Jerry's, Savannah's, Ponderosa, Riverhouse, Bahama Joes, Cruisers, Greenies, Sammy's and Rockahock Campground. Their set lists includes a wide variety of the best-hit songs from today's top New Country and Rock female artists as well as Classic Rock and Southern Rock Favorites.

Heather Edwards, the lead singer, is not only sexy and beautiful but has an incredible voice. Her strong vocals are easily mistaken for national Country Artists like Martina McBride, Faith Hill and Gretchen Wilson and even more surprising is her ability to sing powerful vocals of Melissa Etheridge and Sheryl Crow. Her current CD "Better Off Friends" includes current "New Country" covers from artists such as Faith Hill and Martina McBride, "Old Country" favorites, as well as a couple of original songs.

"Better Off Friends" is available for purchase at CDBaby.com.

Tom Gogarty brings to the band his diverse instrumental abilities and vocals. He plays lead and rhythm guitar, acoustic guitar, banjo, mandolin and flute, and sings lead and back up vocals. Tom has performed and toured with many bands along the Eastern Seaboard. Locally, he is most well known for playing with the Classic Rock group "Midnight Fury."

Bob Burrows is a skilled musician with years of performing experience. He has been playing music since age 11. Bob plays bass guitar, acoustic guitar and some Dobro and sings back up vocals for "The Heather Edwards Band." He has toured the East Coast with the seven piece show band, "NightFlight" and has played throughout Tidewater, VA and Outer Banks, NC with the "Annie Johnson Band", "Pepperhead", "Southern Attitude" and the "Hard Knox Blue Grass Band."

Brandon Kuptz, is a talented musician, songwriter and singer. He plays lead and rhythm guitar and sings lead and back up vocals. Brandon is a former singer and songwriter of "Some Odd Sense." His talent while playing with other bands have afforded him venues like CBGB's in New York City, The Norva in Norfolk, VA, The Blind Pig in Ann Arbor, MI and openings for National Acts like Fountains of Wayne, The Wailers, Gin Blossoms, American Hi-Fi, dada and Blue Man Group. Brandon has released two independent CD's and won local awards and won the hearts of many fans. You can find out more about Brandon at his personal website www.BrandonKuptz.net.

J.T. Blum, as the band's drummer, keeps the band in beat. J.T. was also a member of the band, "Some Odd Sense" which won Best Pop Group through "Ninevolt" Magazine in 2003. As a hard hitting, hard-working performer, J.T. prefers to lay back in the pocket and allow the music time to breathe and expand, which is the perfect compliment to "The Heather Edwards Band."

This mix of talented musicians with their diverse musical abilities and skills, combined with Heather's strong vocals and the versatile singing ability of other band members has resulted in an exciting stage show that covers many music genres. The Heather Edwards Band plays favorites from New Country to Classic Rock, which will have you dancing in no time. Look for their performances in The Daily Press, Virginia Pilot or visit their website at www.TheHeatherEdwardsBand.com or www.HeatherEdwardsBand.com.

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