

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

Craig Scott Entertainment is a full service entertainment office based in New York and New Jersey that represents professional musicians and entertainers. CSE was formed in 1984 by COO Nick Dellossa and CEO Scott Hornak. Nick and Scott became friends in 1979 after meeting at a park jazz concert and started working together. In 1982, Scott had then set out to work on cruise ships and got the chance to perform with musicians that had played for the Royal Family, Presidents and some of the World's top social register. After playing with them, he would go into the lounge and stay up all night listening to all of their amazing, inspirational stories. Scott recalls being so excited, knowing that this is what he wanted to do and called Nick from the ship while in Bombay, India and told him he wanted to start an orchestra. Once he had returned in 1983, the pair put together a 4 piece band consisting of drums, trumpet, keyboards and guitar. From there, they began to build upon that band and gradually added more and more bands and services.

Now that CSE has grown to be a full service entertainment office, there is a rigorous screening process to become a part of Craig Scott. "We choose all of our entertainers from personal recommendations from musicians and entertainers that we work with...", says Scott, "Hearing them live several times and interviews with the leader... It's not just good enough to be a good band, DJ or entertainer, you also need to have the correct mindset and demeanor."

Two of their most popular bands are Phase One and The Craig Scott Orchestra. Phase One, led by Rich Bascomb, is a CSE favorite for they cover artists ranging from Tom Petty, The Clash, Dave Matthews to Ke\$ha! They also expand into international segments performing Greek, Italian, traditional Israeli and even Russian. The Craig Scott Orchestra features both CSE creators Nick and Scott. The CS Orchestra has a 9 piece minimum with a total of 8 lead vocalists and 2 horns. Stan Gilbert, their 'Sinatra Specialist,' is a great addition to the band which many clients also opt for. Known for its 'high energy' presentation and wide diversity, the CS Orchestra ranges from today's Top 40 hits to Motown, R&B, and of course Frank Sinatra. Having the Craig Scott Orchestra at your event will ensure a full dance floor!

Craig Scott Entertainment's philosophy is that they are always striving to exceed their clients expectations by surrounding themselves with talented people and encouraging them to always do the right thing. "I think what sets CSE apart from the other entertainment companies is that we are large enough to provide any type of entertainment to our clients," says Scott, "but small enough to know our clients and planners to keep it personal...taking the time to listen to our clients needs and then work to put their dreams together and take it to the next level."



