

# AND THE BANDS PLAY ON

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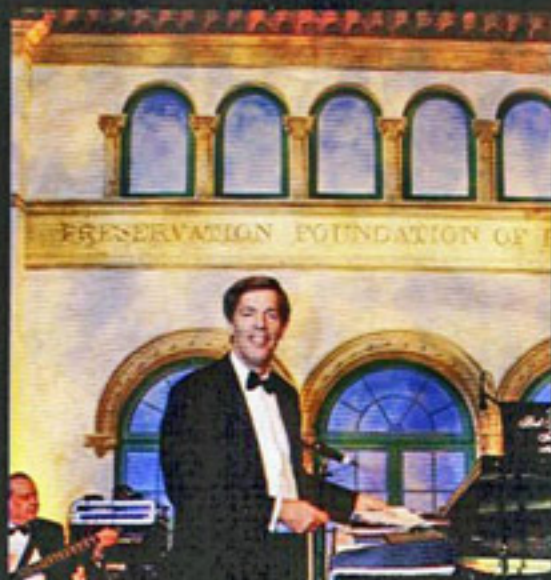
### BOB HARDWICK

**SIGNATURE SONG:**

*"This Could Be The Start Of Something Big"*

**NOTABLE GIG:**

*The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach Gala*



There are those who think life in Palm Beach is an endless trek from one black-tie gala to the next, with some sleep and golf in between.

Counting the hotels and clubs, there are about a dozen ballrooms on the island, the playing field for the social set. So it is no surprise that Palm Beach can easily support many dance orchestras, rock bands, and jazz trios. But an elite group of musicians sets the gold standard, and all call Palm Beach home.

**HIS PATRICIAN GOOD LOOKS** are only the icing on the cake of this Louisville, Kentucky native. Bob Hardwick grew up in a prominent banking family, showing prodigious abilities as a pianist and composer as early as age four. At age twelve, he was accepted for private study at the University of Louisville School of Music. As a college student, he divided his studies between finance and music, earning a BA in business from Centre College and completing graduate music studies at the University of North Texas and the Juilliard School of Music.

Hardwick continued to walk the line between music and money, working for Citibank and US Trust while pursuing his passion for piano. In 1990, the music won. Now, two out of three nights a week, The Bob Hardwick Sound can be heard in ballrooms from New York to Palm Beach to Bermuda to Europe. His breadth of musical style, from swing to rock, has made him a fixture on the charity ball circuit with a resume that lists many boldfaced events, from Presidential Inaugurals to society weddings. Today, chairladies rely on Hardwick to insure the success of their galas, such is the universal appeal of his music and the overwhelming affection for this tall, dark, handsome guy.