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## **Randy Oxford's All-Star Slam (Summer 2016) *by Randy Oxford***

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As a Band leader I am in heaven having this opportunity to feature so much talent. I have future plans to feature a variety of more Musicians from around the country and from my past Randy Oxford Band lineups as well. More information on all of these shows at [therandyoxfordband.com](http://therandyoxfordband.com) and [oxfordentertainment.com](http://oxfordentertainment.com)

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