

JON DAVIS

PIANIST AND COMPOSER

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Pianist, composer, Jon Davis has been performing and touring with many of the finest jazz musicians around world for more than twenty five years. He has appeared on over 50 recordings, and has contributed compositions to many of them. Although perhaps most widely known for his association with the legendary bassist, Jaco Pastorius, which along with drummer Brian Melvin, led to the critically acclaimed Brian Melvin - Standards Zone trio record, Jon has shown a rare versatility ranging from solo, to Big Band, and everything between. He spent eight years as the house pianist at the Four Seasons Hotel in Manhattan, while maintaining a faculty position at The New School of Social Research.

Recent projects have continued to be exciting and varied. Jon toured South Korea and India with Beatle Jazz, played the Hague Festival with the Joris Teepe Big Band, and recently returned from a jazz piano festival in Lucerne Switzerland. He recently finished a four year run at Smoke Jazz club, with the Bill Mobley Big Band (which recorded a live CD "Live at Smoke"), and has had a steady gig at Birdland for the past two years.

Jon has been much more active as a leader, first releasing a solo recording "How Insensitive and Other Ballads". A trio recording for the Venus label followed, "Beauty and the Blues", and most recently has had his debut for the POSI-TONE label with "One up Front". Currently, Jon is leading the Jon Davis Duo and trio at many of N.Y's finest jazz venues such as The Kitano Lounge, The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill, Smalls, and Fat Cat.

A more extensive list of the musicians that Jon has recorded and performed with includes: Joe Henderson, Stan Getz, Tootie Heath, Eddie Harris, Mike Stern, Phil Woods, Frank Wess, George Garzone, Victor Lewis, Bob Mintzer, Joel Frahm, Anat Cohen, Marc Gross, Bob Berg, Milt Jackson, Bob Weir, Nora Jones, Victor Bailey, John Handy, Eddie Henderson, Stanley Turrentine, Marvin "Smitty" Smith, Rosanna Vitro, Will Lee, Dave Binney, Don Byron, Toots Thielemens, Brian Blade, Larry Grenadier, Sonny Fortune, Ron McClure, Dennis Irwin, Claudio Roditi, Antonio Hart, Kenny Garrett, Adam Nussbaum, Dave Schnitter, Kenny Wolleson, Jeff Ballard, Donny McCaslin, Javon Jackson, Scott Colley, Oz Noy, Greg Hutchinson, Gianluca Renzi, Jaimoe, Gene Jackson, Don Braden, and many more.

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