



**The Joey Berkley Quartet
Funkasaurus Rex
Four Good Reeds**

The Joey Berkley Quartet (JB4), Funkasaurus Rex and Four Good Reeds are the premier performing groups contained within Mouthpiecemusic LLC. Under the leadership of saxophonist Joey Berkley they perform a wide variety of musical styles from jazz to funk to classical with precision and style. From club to concert hall to recording studio, each band also serves as an instrument for teaching by conducting master-classes and “modeling” a high level of expertise and dedication while at the same time conveying ALL music as an art form.

Musicians teaching Musicians...

The role of Mouthpiecemusic LLC is to integrate performance and education. Rather than the traditional student-teacher relationship we relate to students as fellow musicians at various levels of development. Students are musicians and musicians are students.

Mouthpiecemusic is based on the premise that performing and teaching are mutually beneficial. By coming off the stage into the classroom each band is able to first inspire students, challenge them as musicians and then give each a sense of empowerment. Teaching by demonstrating is the most effective way to reach a student as much as motivate the professional musician to continue growing.

The tradition of jazz...

The Joey Berkley Quartet (JB4) is firmly rooted in the jazz tradition and features Joey's original compositions and arrangements. The JB4 comes out swingin' hard from the legacy of jazz greats Miles Davis, Monk and Coltrane. Joey has developed his "sound" by using these influences to create an original contemporary style, grabbing the listener with songs and playing that combines jazz with elements of funk, pop and classic R'n B.

Real Funky Music...

Joey called upon a group of colleagues, top players on the NY “music-scene” to form *Funkasaurus Rex*, an exciting jazz-funk band which injects “Jazz” sophistication into ‘Rhythm ‘n Blues’ and ‘Funk’. Whether bringing classic songs from the past into a new era with a jazz perspective, or introducing an original song from that same lineage, the band’s focus is always inventive writing, great solos and precision ensemble work. Maintaining an artistic integrity, his audiences have come to expect quality as the key. A well-loved classic or a classy original, these veteran musicians bring authentic funk into the present with power, precision and sophistication. Featuring a huge five-member horn-section “sound” along with a tight rhythm-section “groove” Funkasaurus Rex says REAL Funky Music ain't extinct!

Virtuosity along with artistry...

Four Good Reeds consists of four saxophonists who are among the best in the NYC music community whether they are playing or teaching. Led by Tenor Saxophonist Joey Berkley and with a repertoire which includes music from both the classical and jazz idioms, this sax quartet offers listeners virtuosity along with artistry in a direct and intimate fashion.



THE JOEY BERKLEY QUARTET + FUNKASAUROS REX + FOUR GOOD REEDS + EDUCATION PROGRAMS + RECORDINGS + PUBLISHING

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