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**GUITARIST, VOCALIST, BASSIST, COMPOSER, EDUCATOR**

## EDUCATION

Bowling Green State University - Bachelor of Music

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **GUITARIST / VOCALIST, DAVE KOZ CRUISE \ 2019 -**

Performed w/ Dave Koz, Jeff Lorber, Everette Harp and others while also performing solo shows.

### **GUITARIST & BACKGROUND VOCALIST, GEORGE BENSON \ 2016**

Actively played a tour leg in the US.

### **GUITARIST, NATALIE COLE \ 2012 - 2016**

Actively played on all worldwide tour dates.

### **GUITARIST, GLADYS KNIGHT \ 2015**

Actively played a tour leg in the US.

### **HOUSE GUITARIST, AMERICAN IDOL, FOX TELEVISION \ 2010 - 2012**

Performed with *Ray Chew Live*. Featured on camera over 40 times accompanying contestants and guest performers. Also worked with music producers Don Was, Rodney Jerkins, Dallas Austin and Ron Fair.

## TELEVISION APPEARANCES

The Voice 2018 (NBC) Little Big Shots: Forever Young 2017 (NBC) American Idol Season 2012 (FOX), American Idol Season 2011 (FOX), BET Awards 2013, BET Awards 2012, BET Awards 2011, BET Celebration of Gospel 2013, BET Celebration of Gospel 2012, NAACP Image Awards 2013 (NBC), Whitney Houston Grammy Salute 2012 (CBS)

### **DIRECTOR OF GUITAR STUDIES, CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE \ 2006 - 2009**

Provided Jazz Guitar Curriculum. Taught privately and adjudicated festivals and juries. Directed the Jazz Guitar Ensemble.

### **HOUSE GUITARIST, CLEVELAND PLAYHOUSE SQUARE \ 2002 - 2009**

First call musician playing theatrical productions performed in Cleveland. Also doubled on pedal steel, mandolin, ukulele and banjo. Highlights: *Lion King*, *Spamalot*, *Hairspray*, *High School Musical* (Program Tech., Walt Disney, *Lion King Gazelle/Cheetah Tours*)

## MUSIC PREPARATION & TRANSCRIPTION

American Idol 2011-12, Natalie Cole (*Natalie Cole En Espanol*), MLK Memorial Dedication Ceremony, Patti Austin, Robbie Dupree

## COMPLETE ARTIST LIST Performances / Recordings / Live TV

**POP / R & B** Stevie Wonder, Justin Timberlake, Chaka Khan, Aloe Blacc, Charlie Wilson, Beyonce, Jennifer Lopez, Pitbull, Anita Baker, Ledisi, Usher, TLC, Tito Jackson, Gladys Knight, Cee Lo Green, Pharrell, Patti Austin, Judith Hill, Tom Jones, India Arie, Mary Wilson, Patti Labelle, Smokey Robinson, Debby Boone, Valerie Simpson, Nicole Scherzinger, Jennifer Hudson, Wyclef Jean, Jamie Foxx, Kelly Clarkson, Alicia Keys, Dionne Warwick, Eddie Levert, Gerald Levert, Robbie Dupree, Fred Wesley, The Coasters, Raphael Saddiq, Will Champlin, Angela Bofill, Darlene Love, The Fleetwoods, The 4 Aces, The Ink Spots, Little Anthony and the Imperials, The Shirelles, Bob Babbitt, Brandy, Helen Reddy, Anthony Hamilton, Monica Mancini, Debarge, Siedah Garrett, Vesta Williams, Johnny Gill, Bobby Rydell, Musiq, Anne Cochran, Clay Aiken, Austin Brown, Tyrese, The Tokens, Chante Moore, Melanie Fiona, Fantasia, Marsha Ambrosius, Micki Howard, Rickey Minor, Kimberly Nichole, Chris Tucker, Lou Christie, Matthew Wilder, Kindred The Family Soul, Al Martino, Joe Esposito, Mindi Abair, Stephen Bishop, Faith Evans

**COUNTRY** Carrie Underwood, Tim McGraw, Blake Shelton

**ROCK** Zakk Wylde, Vernon Reid, Steven Tyler, Bryan Beller, Alex Skolnick, Liberty Devitto, Alex Ligertwood, Jack Black, Steve Ferrone, Bobby Kimball, Mickey Thomas, Jason Scheff, Bill Champlin, Randy Jackson, Frankie Romano, Michael Thompson, Peter Beckett, Eddie Hedges, Mike Keneally, Phillip Phillips, Constantine Maroulis, Haley Reinhart, James Durbin, Adam Levine

**JAZZ** George Benson, Gerald Albright, Jonathan Butler, Najee, David Garfield, Eric Marienthal, Dave Koz, Kim Waters, Tracy Silverman, Steve Tyrell, Joe Porcaro, Natalie Cole, Arturo Sandoval, Jeff Lorber, Gerald Veasley, Marcus Johnson, Roger Smith, DeDe Bridgewater, Alexander Zonjic, Frank McComb, Richard Elliot, Rick Braun, Casey Abrams, Keiko Matsui, Eric Darius, Steve Cole, Jeff Kashiwa, Vincent Ingala, Marcus Anderson, ACO

**HIP-HOP/ RAP** Snoop Dogg, 50 Cent, Queen Latifah, Warren G, Mali Music, Da' Truth, Canton, Common, Busta Rhymes

**GOSPEL** Kirk Franklin, Israel Houghton, Mary Mary, BeBe Winans, Yolanda Adams, Cissy Houston, Bobby Jones, Tye Tribbett, Deitrick Haddon, Kurt Carr, Tamar, Kierra Sheard, Smokie Norful, Rance Allen, Donnie McClurkin, Fred Hammond, Ernest Pugh, Maurette Brown-Clark, Le'Andria Johnson, Isaac Carree, Ricky Dillard, Shirley Caesar, James Fortune, Moses Tyson, Kelly Price, Jessica Reedy, Tamela Mann, Dorinda Clark-Cole, Marvin Sapp, Mt. Zion Oakwood Church (Guitarist / 8 years)

**BROADWAY** Shirley Jones, Melba Moore, Mitzi Gaynor, Florence Henderson, Richard Chamberlain, Patrick Cassidy, Rex Reed, Tyne Daly, Jim Bailey, Jane Olivor, Betty Buckley, Carole Cook, Rona Barrett, Heather Headley, Obba Babatundé, Patricia Morison, Jennifer Holliday, Susan Anton

## DISCOGRAPHY

Year	Artist	Label	Project
2022	Tennington Park w Mickey Thomas/Bill Champlin	Zaika	<i>Work To Do</i>
2022	Rick Braun	Brontosaurus	<i>Rick Braun</i>
2021	Richard Elliot	Shanachie	<i>Authentic Life</i>
2020	Dave Koz	Just Koz Entertainment	<i>A New Day</i>
2020	Nia Allen	Sony Music	<i>Every Nation</i>
2020	Keith McKelley/Bob James	Little Fish	<i>Legend</i>
2020	Tiffany Lytle	MRPI	<i>Justice</i>
2020	Justin Lee Schultz	Shanachie	<i>Gruv Kid</i>
2019	Dionne Warwick	BMG	<i>Voices Of Christmas</i>
2019	Rick Braun	Shanachie	<i>Crossroads</i>
2019	David Garfield	Creatchy	<i>VOX Outside The Box/ Holidays Outside The Box</i>
2019	Robbie Dupree	Cherry 6	<i>Ordinary Day/ Audio Graffiti</i>
2018	Various Artists	Warner Bros.	<i>Smallfoot Soundtrack</i>
2018	David Garfield	Creatchy	<i>Jazz Outside The Box / Jammin' Outside The Box</i>
2017	Elijah Gilmore	Tribe of Eli	<i>Return To Zen *</i>
2016	J. Michael O'Neal	O'Neal Music	<i>Vultures</i>
2016	Mayaeni	Roc Nation	<i>Elocution</i>
2016	Scott Dreier	RocketHub	<i>The Doris Day Project</i>
2015	Donald Barrett	DB Music	<i>Moving Forward Without Moving Backward</i>
2015	Darnell Edwards	Indy	<i>Simplicity Of Worship</i>
2014	Macy Gray	Kobalt	<i>The Way</i>
2014	Kevin Levar	One Sound	<i>Destiny ! Live at the Dream Center and More..</i>
2014	Eric Nolan	Boy Wonder	<i>Mood Swing</i>
2012	John P. Kee	Central South Distribution	<i>Life and Favor</i>
2011	Scotty McCreery	19 Recordings / Universal	<i>American Idol Season 10 Highlights</i>
2010	Keith McKelley	Little Fish	<i>Keith McKelley</i>
2009	Bobby Brackins	Universal Republic	<i>I'm Ready</i>
2008	Darren Thomas	Indy	<i>I Still Believe</i>
2008	Eddie Baccus Jr.	Esax	<i>Journey To Love *</i>
2007	Helen Welch	Big Wow	<i>One Dream</i>
2007	Mark T Jackson And Final Call	Rhema	<i>Calling All Worshipers</i>
2007	David Kempers	Sony BMG Entertainment	<i>Christmas Album *</i>
2006	Conya Doss	Dome	<i>Love Rain Down</i>
2006	Tony Pulizzi	45th Street Music	<i>The Blue Wrinkle *</i>
2006	Tony Pulizzi	45th Street Music	<i>Pleasantview Place *</i>
2005	Walter Barnes Jr./The Men Of Ministry	Worldwide	<i>Appointed Time</i>
2005	Anne Cochran	A & E	<i>This Is The Season</i>
2004	Conya Doss	Dome	<i>Just Because *</i>
2004	Eric Wright & Mt Zion Oakwood Mass Choir	Indy	<i>Praise Is What We Do *</i>
2003	Moon The Giant	ODC	<i>A Modicum Of Abundance *</i>
2003	Various Artists	Ellipsis Arts	<i>Lullabies for a Small World *</i>
2003	Tony Pulizzi and Eddie Baccus Jr.	45th Street Music	<i>Your Christmas List *</i>
2002	Hubb's Groove	E.89	<i>10 Mo Min *</i>
2002	Charles Woolfork & Covenant	Marxan Records	<i>Soulfood</i>
2002	Pieces of a Dream	TelArc/ Heads Up	<i>Love's Silhouette</i>
2002	Tony Pulizzi w/ Heritage Drive	45th Street Music	<i>Looking Back *</i>
1998	Joe Deninzon	D-Zon Entertainment	<i>Electric/Blue</i>
1996	Various Artists	Polygram	<i>Eddie Soundtrack</i>

\* **RECORDING ENGINEER/OWNER, FREUDIAN SLIP STUDIOS** Maintained recording business producing many projects from the Cleveland area