



Javier Vergara

Tenor Saxophone | Alto Saxophone | Flute

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Javier Vergara is a saxophonist and flutist based in Los Angeles, California. Born in Mexico City into a musical family, Javier was drawn to jazz at an early age. As a teenager, he moved to Southern California and has been a fixture on the Los Angeles jazz scene ever since. As a working musician, Javier has traveled internationally from Turkey to Taiwan and criss-crossed the U.S. with tours, concerts and festivals. Javier has shared the stage, recorded with, and studied under some of the best names in the jazz world. In 2011, he joined the Jazztec Collective, a tapestry of bebop, classical and avant-garde music celebrating the rhythms of Mexico.

Professional Experience

Jazztec Collective | 2011 to present

Pancho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band | 2004 to 2011

Hugh Masekela | 2005

Les McCann | 2003

USC Jazz Orchestra | 2003

Roy McCurdy | 2002

Ravi Coltrane | 2000

daKAH Hip Hop Orchestra | 2000

David Ornette Cherry | 1998

Carl Burnett | 1997

Banda Brothers | 1995

John Oliva Timba Jazz | 1994

Francisco Aguabella | 1993

Studio Recordings

Jazztec | Jazztec Collective 2011
Psychedelic Blues | Pancho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band 2009
Raise Your Hand | Pancho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band 2007
Do It | Pancho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band 2005
Acting Up | Banda Brothers 2003
Score for Documentary *Hard Road Home*, Music by Camara Kambon 2002
Javier Vergara Quartet | Javier Vergara Quartet 2000

Performances/Famous Venues/Events/Festivals

IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators) | 2004,2006,2009
Hollywood Bowl, Playboy Jazz Festival | Hollywood | 2009-2010
JVC Jazz Festival | New York | 2005
Carnegie Hall | New York | 2005
Blue Note | New York | 2009
House of Blues | New Orleans | 2009
Playboy Jazz Cruise | Caribbean | 2009
Greek Theater | Los Angeles | 2008-2009
Blue Note | Tokyo, Japan | 2008
National Concert Hall | Taipei, Taiwan | 2008
Heineken Jazz Festival | Puerto Rico | 2008
Cervantino Festival San Miguel | San Miguel, Mexico | 2008
Babylon | Istanbul, Turkey | 2009
Pori International Jazz Festival | Pori, Finland | 2009
Yoshi's | San Francisco | 2004-2011
Barranquilla Jazz Festival | Barranquilla, Colombia | 2009
Jazz Alley | Seattle | 2004-2011

Professional Training

Private Study

- Jeff Clayton 1996
- Jerry Pinter 1997
- Bob Sheppard 2000
- Jeff Elwood 2004
- Bill Cunliffe 2006
- Rob Lockart 2009

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena

Conducted classes and individual study in saxophone, flute, clarinet and sight reading, 1995-1998.

Music coach

Provided private instruction to music students on Jazz Improvisation, 2006-2009.

Education

Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA

Jazz Combo with Bobby Bradford 1991

Alhambra High School, Alhambra, CA

Jazz Band | Tenor Saxophone 1986-1989

Orchestra | Flute 1986-1989