

Bob DeVos Guitarist, composer, and arranger Bob DeVos is hailed as "a brilliant, knowing bebop player, a master with a sound to die for--rich, full, deep, positive, round and warm." With long, blues-drenched melodic lines and a horn-like approach, Bob has a signature style of groove and sophistication. Audiences and critics thrill to his "full, liquid tone," "soulful, intelligent interpretations," "masterful compositions and arrangements," and his "infectious, funky groove." A modern player with strong traditional roots, Bob is at home with straight-ahead jazz, blues, Rhythm & Blues, funk, Latin and more.

Mr. DeVos' CDs as a leader for HighNote/Savant and Blues Leaf Records have earned rave reviews and many stars in *Downbeat* and throughout the jazz media. "Shifting Sands" (HighNote/Savant) featuring Bob with his trio plus tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander and percussionist Gary Fritz was high on *JazzWeek's* Top 50 National Airplay Chart for seven months, and appeared on many Top Jazz CDs lists. "Playing for Keeps" (HighNote/Savant) was in the top ten (#6) on *Jazz Week's* Top 50 for 18 weeks.

Mr. DeVos heads his own modern, powerhouse Bob DeVos Organ Trio with Dan Kostelnik on Hammond B3 organ and Steve Johns on drums. He also collaborates frequently with Eric Alexander, Mike LeDonne, Onaje Allan Gumbs, Hendrik Meurkens and Akiko Tsuruga. He is a member of Bill Warfield's New York Jazz Repertory Orchestra.

An in-demand player, Bob also has a large and far-reaching discography as a sideman. He has a strong following for his innovative work with a who's who of jazz greats both in and outside of the Hammond B3 organ genre.

In recent years, Bob has performed at the Kennedy Center, The Kimmel Center, The NJ State Theater, The Blue Note, Dizzy's Club Coca Cola, The Kitano, SMOKE, Chris' Jazz Cafe, the Smithsonian, San Diego Art Museum, Birdland, Jazz Mobile, The Jazz Cruise, and numerous festivals in the US and worldwide, including at Somers Point, Cape May, the JVC Jazz Festivals in NYC and Miami Beach and The San Francisco Jazz Festival.

Mr. DeVos is currently on the music faculty at Lehigh University and teaches privately. An innovative and sensitive teacher, he has done extensive work in jazz clinics worldwide, and has also taught at William Paterson University and is a past artist-in-residence at Newark, NJ's prestigious Arts High.