

B. D. Lenz

Guitarist/Composer

"... part of the reason for his accessibility is that he not only fuses jazz and rock, he complements it with warm chords of funk, soul, and rhythm and blues..." - Robbie Woliver, New York Times



Biography

****2008 & 2009 GigMasters.com Rising Star Award Winner ****

Mix together the styles of Pat Metheny, Mike Stern, and Stevie Ray Vaughn and you have the recipe for one of the hottest new contempo-jazz guitarists around. B.D. Lenz has played guitar since the age of 14, and has studied with such greats as Mike Stern, Vic Juris, and Charlie Banacos. He has released 7 recordings as a leader featuring jazz luminaries Randy Brecker, Will Lee, Mark Egan, & Joel Rosenblatt among others. His music has been featured in over 100 TV shows internationally and his band has performed throughout the U.S. & U.K., keeping the audience on their feet whether they are playing jazz, fusion, or jam.

Accomplishments

TV Placements: MTV (Making the Band II), VH1 (Brooke Knows Best), USA (Ready for the Weekend Movie), Nickelodeon (U Pick Live), Comedy Central (Stella)...

Noteworthy Appearances: PBS Radio/TV, Iridium (NYC), Oxford Jazz Fest (UK), Oswego Harborfest (NY), Cape May Jazz Fest, Red Bank Jazz & Blues Fest (NJ), 55 Bar, Panasonic Village Jazz Fest (NYC), Deer Head Inn (Pa.), Jazz After Dark (London, UK), [Godin Guitar Endorsement](#)

Quotes

"Contemporary jazz guitarist B.D. Lenz's quartet lays down a funky, jamming vibe integrating catchy good time grooves with moodier, blues-inflicted pieces"

- JazzTimes

"...[Lenz] is so there, so ideal, so darn near perfect that it makes a listener want to head straight up there in a pilgrimage to quality..."

- JazzImprov Magazine

"...a solid guitarist and composer"

- Newark Star-Ledger

"Bottom Line: Lenz is a real embodiment of a guitar hero...He is a big sound, a big talent... powerfully impressive"

- Jazz Inside Magazine

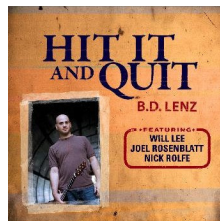
"Lenz has mastered his instrument and his confidence overflows everywhere..."

- All About Jazz

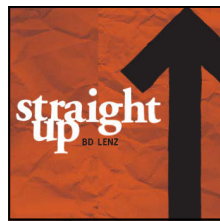
Recent Recordings



Five & Live
2010



Hit It and Quit
2009



Straight Up
2007

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