

Joey DeFrancesco

The comeback of the organ in jazz during the late '80s was partly due to the rise of Joey DeFrancesco, whose style is heavily influenced by Jimmy Smith.



Line-up

Joey DeFrancesco - Hammond B3

Byron Landham - Drums

Paul Bollenback - Guitar

On Stage: 3

Travel Party: 3

Website

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Biography

Joey DeFrancesco comes from a musical family. His Grandfather Joseph DeFrancesco (his name sake) was a reed man. And of course his father "Papa" John DeFrancesco is a fine jazz organist in his own right. At the age of 4 Joey began taking a strong interest in the organ. By the time he was five, he was playing Jimmy Smith songs verbatim. As the years went on his interest and love for the organ and music grew stronger. From the ages of 5-10 his father would bring him to his own gigs and let him sit in. At 10 years of age he began to play in a Band in Philadelphia, which featured legendary players Hank Mobley on Tenor Saxophone, and "Philly" Joe Jones on the Drums. At 16 he signed an exclusive recording contract with Columbia Records, releasing his first record "All Of Me" at 17. This record was single handedly responsible for the great resurgence of the Hammond sound in popular music. Also in his 17th year he was called on by the great Miles Davis to join his band, and toured all over Europe. At 18, Joey began touring with his own quartet. At 22, John McLaughlin called him along with drummer Dennis Chambers, to form the group the "Free Spirits". This band toured extensively for 4 years. Joey has been around the world and back dozens of times with his own trio, but also playing with some of the greatest musicians in the world such as, Benny Golson, James Moody, Steve Gadd, Elvin Jones, Jimmy Cobb, George Benson, Pat Martino, John Scofield, Joe Lovano, just to name a few. He has won the the Down Beat Critics and Readers poll ever year since 2002, as well as Jazz Journalist award, and countless others. In 2004 Joey was nominated for a Grammy for his record "Falling In Love Again" which featured the great actor Joe Pesci on vocals(AKA Joe Doggs). At the present moment Joey not only continues to tour with his trio which includes Byron Landham on drums, and Paul Bollenback on guitar, but he's also touring with David Sanborn. After several releases as a leader, he's very excited about his next release which features the music of Michael Jackson, entitled "Never Can Say

Goodbye". Joey also is involved along with Elvio Previati in the development of a marvelous new organ (KeyB organ) which replicates the sound of a classic Tonewheel organ perfectly. The company is an Italian company call DLQ. Joey also loves teaching and sharing his knowledge about music and the organ.

Discography

1989 All of Me - Columbia
1990 Where Were You? - Columbia
1991 Part III - Columbia
1992 Reboppin' - Columbia
1993 Live at the 5 Spot - Columbia
1994 All About My Girl - Muse
1995 The Street of Dreams - Big Mo
1998 All in the Family - High Note
1998 All or Nothing at All - Big Mo
1999 The Champ - High Note
1999 Joey DeFrancesco's Goodfellas - Concord
2000 Incredible! - Concord Jazz
2000 The Champ: Round 2 - High Note
2001 Hip Cake Walk - High Note
2001 Singin' & Swingin' - Concord Jazz
2002 Ballads And Blues - Concord Jazz
2002 A Tribute To Don Patterson - HighNote
2003 Falling In Love Again - Concord Jazz
2003 A New Generation: Paesanos On The New B3 - Summit
2004 Plays Sinatra His Way - HighNote
2006 Organic Vibes - Concord Records
2007 The Authorized Bootleg - Concord Records
2007 Baddest B-3 Burner in the Business - Silverwolf Records
2008 Joey D! - Highnote Records, Inc.
2008 Estate - Zucca Records
2009 Finger Poppin - Doodlin Records
2009 Snapshot - Highnote Records, Inc.
2010 One Take, Vol. 4 - Alma UK
2010 Never Can Say Goodbye - Highnote Records, Inc.

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