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JAMIE DAVIS

"One of the finest male jazz singers on the West Coast, Davis is an entertainer of the old school, an eager to please performer who can belt the blues, croon American Songbook ballads with a warm, burnished bass, and deliver Stevie Wonder hits with soulful authority."

Mercury News - Andy Gilbert

"Davis' dark, dense 'Round Midnight' rivals Eckstine's silken splendor. Most impressively, he manages to elevate Lionel Richie's 'Hello' to the same lofty plateau." *Jazz Times - Christopher Loudon*

Vocalist

Jamie Davis holds a position amongst the pantheon of great male vocalists with a compelling full deep, baritone voice and passion for his craft that leaves his audiences uplifted and "feelin' good... really good".

Jamie's musical education began in his father's Pentecostal Church in Mansfield, Ohio in the choir. Attended of Ohio State, Jamie's unique bass-baritone voice brought to life liturgical music in Latin, Bach, Schuman, Mahler and Rameau's French compositions. After a spell in the US Army singing a range of swing, show tunes, jazz and blues for the Special Services elite group, Jamie studied under the renowned vocal coach, Edward Boatner in New York. Moving to San Francisco secured Jamie opportunities to perform with Milt Jackson, Eddie Henderson, Melba Moore, Pharaoh Saunders and in 2000 The Count Basie Orchestra. On that experience Davis reflects, "Having all that sound behind you is just amazing. You've got to ride that current."

A repertoire from Cole Porter to Stevie Wonder to Charles Mingus, Jamie Davis has the flexibility and the sexy sophistication in his effortless delivery to stand with any of the great masters. Davis has been described as a fine wine who has stood the test of time constantly innovating jazz classics, "rolling out" the blues and performing with one foot in the past and the other in 'today'.

Performances

Named the 'chocolate voiced baritone' by Sir Michael Parkinson, the BBC's arbiter of important international jazz following Jamie's performance in London with the BBC's sixty-four piece Orchestra and Big Band. Clint Eastwood is another fan of Jamie and enthused by his performances at the Monterey Jazz Festival, exclaimed "...Jamie Davis is one of my favorite singers."

Sharing his passion for music with his audiences at venues around the Globe, Jamie performs at Yoshi's in San Francisco, Dizzy's and The Blue Note in New York, Milan, Tokyo, Istanbul and Ronnie Scott's in London and recently the Union of Composers Jazz Club, Moscow. Monterey, Sacramento, Aspen, Lake Tahoe, Dubai, Cheltenham, Edinburgh, Annecy and Serbia jazz and music festivals and not forgetting the popular Holland America jazz cruises.

Jamie can be seen on television shows: 'Parkinson' in UK, Sweden and Australia, The Jerry Lewis Telethon in Las Vegas and a '60th Anniversary Show' with The HRTa Big Band in Zagreb, Croatia. BBC Radio's 2 'Friday Night Is Music Night' and 'Big Band Special' are broadcast live and on digital.

In 1997 Jamie narrated 'A Time to Remember,' a docudrama which won the 'Black American Independent Filmmakers Award'.

Recording Artist/Producer

Davis' solo CDs, 'It's A Good Thing' and 'Vibe Over Perfection' on the Unity Music label, reunited Jamie with members of the Count Basie Orchestra and Los Angeles' finest instrumentalists producing a full big band. 'It's A Good Thing' was chosen as 'Album of the Week' on the digital radio station Thejazz.com (now Jazz.FM) and for the in-flight audio programs of British Airways, Scandinavian, Aer Lingus and British Midland. 'Vibe Over Perfection' reached No 18 in the US Jazz Charts and a favourite of jazz station WBGO. The ten track CD 'It's All About Love' was a labor of love for Jamie singing romantic ballads with a quintet. In 2009 singing 'Young At Heart' Jamie was featured with Clark Terry, Wynton and Ellis Marsalis and Marcus Roberts on the acclaimed trumpeter Scotty Barnhart's CD, 'Say It Plain'. The recording reached no 3 in the charts and attracted enthusiastic reviews.

The latest project from the catalogue of Unity Music and Jamie Davis is a live recording from inside Louisiana State Penitentiary. 'Free On The Inside' CD/DVD blends together Jazz and Gospel genres featuring Jamie Davis, Scotty Barnhart, Wycliffe Gordon, Lady Bianca, Charles McNeal in an all star big band under the direction of Dennis Wilson. 'Free On The Inside' CD/DVD will be released late 2010.



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TOP 100 AIRPLAY
CHART



VIBE OVER PERFECTION 2008



IT'S A GOOD THING



IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE



'SAY IT PLAIN' 2009
TRUMPETER SCOTTY
BARNHART WITH CLARK
TERRY, WYNTON & ELLIS
MARSALIS, MARCUS
ROBERTS & JAMIE DAVIS
'YOUNG AT HEART' FOR
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JAMIE DAVIS DATES 2010

AUGUST 5 - 7 UNION OF COMPOSERS, MOSCOW
AUGUST 12: SFJAZZ SUMMER FESTIVAL
AUGUST 22 BACH DINING & DYNAMITE SOCIETY, HALF
MOON BAY CA
AUGUST 29 FESTIVAL DE JAZZ CHATEAU DE CLERMONT EN
GENEVOIS, ANNECY, FRANCE
OCT 26 - NOV 6 TOUR OF MALAYSIA - Kuala Lumpur,
NOV 13 AUBURN YOUNG LIFE FUNDRAISER, CA
DEC 5 - 15: MOSCOW, FED RUSSIA
2011:
JAN 30 - FEB 6: 10TH ANNUAL JAZZ CRUISE