

## **SUMMARY**

Combine mastery of jazz keyboard technique with decades of real world experience performing for audiences around the world, and it's no wonder that Benny Green has been hailed as the most exciting hard-swinging, hard-bop pianist to ever emerge from **Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers**. In the intervening decades since his first professional appearance, Benny has recorded, performed and collaborated with celebrated artists of including **Ray Brown, Betty Carter, Freddie Hubbard, Oscar Peterson** and **Art Blakey**.

## **INTERESTS**

Benny Green was not simply a member of **Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers**, he is a jazz messenger, and this personal experience places him squarely as a rare living legacy within the lineage of the hard bop jazz medium. In the last twenty years he has been invited to lead innumerable lectures, residencies, workshops and classes where he has fulfilled a personal and professional objective to share his expansive knowledge and experience with students around the world. Among the many notable institutions that Benny is regularly asked to lecture: **The Juilliard School, the Berkeley College of Music, the Brubeck Institute, Snow College, Stanford University, The University of Michigan** and **Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz**.

Benny is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Improvisation at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

## **TEACHERS AND MENTORS**

- **Art Blakey**
- **Betty Carter**
- **Freddie Hubbard**
- **Oscar Peterson**
- **Ray Brown**
- **Walter Bishop, Jr.**
- **Walter Davis, Jr**

## **NOTABLE COLLABORATIONS**

**Art Blakey:** Feel The Wind (1988/Timeless)

**Etta Jones:** My Gentleman Friend (Muse/1994)

**Freddie Hubbard:** Live At Fat Tuesdays's (1992/MusicMasters)

**Marian McPartland:** Piano Jazz (national Public Radio/1990 and 2001)

**Milt Jackson:** Burnin' In The Woodhouse (1995/Quest)

**Oscar Peterson:** Oscar & Benny (Telarc/1998)

**Ray Brown:** Some Of My Best Friends Are Piano Players (1994/Telarc)

**Russell Malone:** Jazz at the Bistro [live] (Telarc/2003)

## **BENNY GREEN Curriculum Vitae**

### **DISCOGRAPHY (as a leader/co-leader)**

2013 Magic Beans (Sunnyside)  
2011 Source (JLP)  
2004 Blue Bird (Telarc)  
2003 Jazz at the Bistro [Live] (Telarc)  
2001 Green's Blues (Telarc)  
2000 Naturally (Telarc)  
1999 These Are Soulful Days (Blue Note)  
1998 Oscar & Benny (Telarc)  
1997 Kaleidoscope (Blue Note)  
1994 The Place to Be (Blue Note)  
1994 That's Right! (Blue Note)  
1992 Testifyin'!: Live at the Village Vanguard (Blue Note)  
1991 Greens (Blue Note)

### **OTHER SIGNIFICANT RECORDINGS**

**Benny Green with Ray Brown:** Live At Sculler's (Telarc/1997)  
**Benny Green with Ray Brown:** Seven Steps To Heaven (Telarc/1995)  
**Benny Green with Ray Brown:** Some Of My Best Friends Are Piano Players (Telarc/1994)  
**Benny Green with Ray Brown:** Don't Get Sassy (Telarc/1994)  
**Benny Green with Ray Brown:** Bass Face (Telarc/1993)  
**Benny Green with Ray Brown:** Burnin' In The Woodhouse (Quest/1995)  
**Benny Green with Ray Brown:** My Gentleman Friend (Muse/1994)  
**Benny Green with Freddie Hubbard:** Live At Fat Tuesdays's (MusicMasters/1992)  
**Benny Green with Freddie Hubbard:** Topsy (Alpha/1991)  
**Benny Green with Art Blakey and Freddie Hubbard:** Feel The Wind (Timeless/1988)  
**Benny Green with Art Blakey:** I Get A Kick Out Of Bu (SoulNote/1989)  
**Benny Green with Art Blakey:** Not Yet (SoulNote/1988)

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### **MAJOR CONCERTS & TOURS: 1995-2014**

2013 Benny Green Trio (North America Tour)  
2013 Marciac Jazz Festival (Marciac, France)  
2012 Cotton Club (Tokyo, Japan)  
2012 Yoshi's 40th Anniversary (Oakland, CA)  
2012 Vail Jazz Festival, (Vail, CO)  
2012 Monterey Jazz Festival (Monterey, CA)  
2012 Vienne Jazz Festival (Vienne, FR)  
2012 Pescara Jazz Festival (Pescara, IT)  
2012 Umbria Jazz Festival (Perugia, IT)  
2011 Royal Conservatory (Toronto, Canada)  
2011 Stockholm Jazz Fest (Stockholm, Sweden)  
2011 Dizzy's Club Coca Cola (New York, NY)  
2011 Newport Beach Jazz Party (Newport Beach, CA)  
2011 Las Vegas Academy for the Performing Arts (Las Vegas, NV)  
2010 Taichung Jazz Festival (Taichung, Taiwan)  
2010 Detroit Jazz Festival (Detroit, IL)  
2010 Sapporo Education and Culture Hall (Sapporo, Japan)  
2010 Bangen 2010 Jazz & Blues Festival (Sandviken, Sweden)  
2010 Jazzhus Montmartre (Copenhagen, Denmark)  
2009 Goldfingers Tour (Japan)  
2009 Village Vanguard (New York, NY)  
2009 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival (Moscow, ID)  
2009 Stanford Jazz Festival (Stanford, CA)  
2008 Club Le Duc des Lombards (Paris, France)  
2008 Playboy Jazz Festival (Los Angeles, CA)  
2008 Vittoria Jazz Festival (Vittoria, Spain)  
2008 Blue Note Nagoya (Nagoya, Japan)  
2007 Goldfingers Tour (Japan)  
2006 Benny Green Trio European Tour  
2006 Ray Brown Tribute at Blue Note (New York, NY)  
2006 Sedona Jazz on the Rocks (Sedona, AZ)  
2006 Coral Shores Performing Arts Center (Key Largo, FL)  
2005 Goldfingers Tour (Japan)  
2005 San Jose Jazz Festival (San Jose, CA)  
2005 Widder Bar (Zurich, Switzerland)  
2005 Osaka Symphony Hall (OSaka, JP)  
2003 Goldfingers Tour (Japan)  
2003 Benny Green/Russell Malone Duo Tour  
2001 Benny Green Solo Japan Tour  
2001 Ray Brown 75th Birthday Tour  
2001 Benny Green Trio South America and Europe Tour  
2001 Jazz Hall of Fame, The Gem Theatre

## **BENNY GREEN** Curriculum Vitae

(Kansas City, MO) 2001 Kultur and Kongresszentrum  
(Luzern, Switzerland) 2001 Montreux Jazz Festival  
(Montreux, Switzerland)

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### **MAJOR CONCERTS & TOURS: 1995-2014 (Continued)**

2001 North Sea Jazz Festival (The Hague, Holland) 2001 Wigan Jazz Festival (Wigan, England)  
2001 Philadelphia Symphony (Philadelphia, PA) 2001 Feinstein's (New York, NY)  
2001 Centro Cultural de Belem (Belem, Portugal) 2001 Carnegie Hall (New York, NY)  
1997 Kolner Philharmonie (Cologne, Germany)  
1997 Benny Green/Russell Malone Big Band European Tour 1997 Jazz at Lincoln Center (New York, NY)  
1997 Benny Green Solo Japan Tour  
1997 Charlie Parker Festival  
1997 Benny Green Trio Europe Tour  
1997 Brecon Jazz Festival (Brecon, Wales) 1997 Queen's Hall (Edinburgh, Scotland)  
1996 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival (Moscow, ID) 1996 Benny Green Trio European Tour  
1996 Benny Green Trio Japanese Tour  
1996 Bern Jazz Festival (Bern, Switzerland)  
1996 Benny Green with Oscar Peterson (Mississauga, Canada) 1995 Blue Note Nagoya (Osaka, Japan)  
1995 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival (Moscow, ID) 1995 Playboy Jazz Festival (Los Angeles, CA) 1995 Concord Pavillion (Concord, CA)  
1995 Hollywood Bowl (Hollywood, CA)

### **OTHER SIGNIFICANT TOURS AND CONCERTS**

#### WORLDWIDE TOURS

2003-2014 **Tribute To Ray Brown World Tour (Ongoing)**  
*With Christian McBride and Greg Hutchinson*  
2001-2007 **Benny Green/Russell Malone duo World Tour**  
[North and South America, Europe, Japan , Korea] 1992-1996 **Ray Brown World Tour**  
[U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, Korea] 1990-1992 **Freddie Hubbard World Tour**  
[U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan] 1987-1989 **Art Blakey World Tour**  
[U.S., Canada, South America, Europe. Japan] 1983-1987 **Betty Carter World Tour**  
[U.S., Canada, South America, Europe]

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### NORTH AMERICA TOURS

**2012 Monterey Jazz Festival 55th Anniversary Tour**

*with Christian McBride, Christian McBride, Lewis Nash, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Chris Potter, Ambrose Akinmusire*

**2011 Oscar Peterson Tribute**

Royal Conservatory (Toronto, Canada)

*with Peter Washington, Willie Jones III and Ulf Walkenious*

**2008 Benny Green/Kenny Burrell**

JALC Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola (New York, NY)

**2008 Monterey Jazz Festival 50th Anniversary Tour**

*Benny Green (Musical Director), with Terrence Blanchard, James Moody, Derrick Hodge, Kendrick Scott, Nnenna Freelon*

### EUROPEAN TOURS

**2006 Benny Golson** European Tour

**2005 Clark Terry** European Tour

### **MASTERCLASSES, RESIDENCIES, CLINICS, TEACHING & WORKSHOPS**

- Albertson College
- Alys Stephens Center
- Arizona State University
- Berkeley College of Music
- Brubeck Institute
- California State University
- Centrum
- Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiA)
- Columbia College
- Drake University
- Eastern Washington University
- Eau Claire Memorial High School
- Gonzaga University
- Hart School of Music, Hartford, CT
- Internationales Jazz Festival Basel 2003
- Jazz Camp West
- Jazz en Mars/ Eglise Notre Dame des Forges
- Kunitachi College of Music
- Kuumbwa Jazz Center
- Lamantin Jazz Festival
- Las Vegas Academy for the Performing Arts
- Mahidol University, College of Music (Thailand)
- Northeastern State University
- North Texas State University, Denton, TX

## **BENNY GREEN Curriculum Vitae**

- **TEACHING & WORKSHOPS (Continued)**

- Orange County Performing Arts
- Peddie School (Highstown, NJ)
- Penfield High School (Penfield, NY)
- Roosevelt High school (Seattle, WA)
- Sacramento High School
- Salle des Fetes
- Scottsdale Community College
- Snow College
- Stanford University
- Taichung Jazz Festival
- Tempe Center for the Arts
- The Juilliard School
- Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz
- UCLA
- Union Colony Civic Center (UCCC)
- University of Idaho
- University of Minnesota Duluth
- University of Nebraska
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Florida
- University of Southern Maine
- Woodland High School (Davis, CA)
- Young Arts National Foundation

### **AWARDS**

*Glenn Gould International Protégé Prize in Music*