

Mp3 Michael Thomas Quintet - The Awakening



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A powerful and energetic group that is deeply rooted in the rich tradition of jazz. The quintet has the unique capability to capture an audience and take them on an excursion to where "Hard-bop and Blues" swing joyfully, 9 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Traditional Jazz Combo Details: A native of Las Vegas, NV and a graduate of Grambling State University, he is a multi-faceted performer. At Grambling, he studied French Horn under Conrad Hutchinson and trumpet under Dr. Joseph Miller. He also performed with Frank Foster, who was then directing the Count Basie Orchestra. He later moved to New York state where he organized his first quintet and became well recognized in the local areas' jam sessions and clubs. It was there he met Bill Saxton and Hugh Brodie who were instrumental in his development. Michael then relocated to the DC area where he and his quintet perform regularly. He also hosts jam sessions at DC's HR-57 (Center for the Preservation of Jazz and Blues). In 1996, Michael was a scholarship recipient in the Fish Middleton Jazz Scholarship Contest at the East Coast Jazz Festival. To date, he has played with a number of notable musicians such as Betty Carter, Keter Betts, Jimmy Heath, Larry Willis, Shirley Scott, Naser Abadey, Buck Hill, Webster Young, Gary Bartz, Joe Williams, and others. Michael currently records for JazHead Entertainment with his Quintet. The latest CD is called "The Awakening" by the Michael Thomas Quintet which is the follow-up to "The Messenger" also on the JazHead label.

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