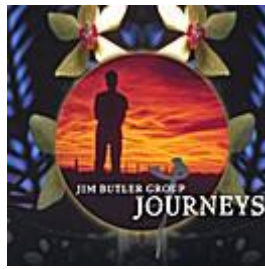


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The Jim Butler Group (saxophone, keyboards, bass, drums)performs originals and standards which "deftly step through the possibilities of jazz" (Jim Beal, San-Antonio Express News. 9 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Traditional Jazz Combo, JAZZ: Latin Jazz Details: BIOGRAPHY (see below for JAPANESE version) I have been playing the saxophone for 26 years, starting when I was a little boy in the United States. I grew up in San Diego, California, where I studied briefly with altoist Charles McPherson. After receiving my Bachelor of Music from San Diego State University, I moved to Austin, Texas. There I got involved in the vibrant Central Texas live blues, rock, and jazz scene. I also received a Master's Degree in Music and Doctorate of Music from the University of Texas at Austin. For a while I taught jazz studies at the University of North Florida, where I met pianist Harry Pickens and altoist Bunky Green, who plays an "inside/outside" approach to jazz that I find fascinating. I also attended the David Liebman Jazz Masterclass, where I became interested in his personal approach in playing music. Last year I recorded my first CD as a leader. It is called Journeys and features former Warner Bros. drummer Gerry "the Thrasher" Gibbs. My music here is influenced by John Coltrane, Jimi Hendrix, and World Music. Now that I live in Japan, my band is called the Jim Butler Jazz Group. We play throughout the Greater Tokyo area. On this site you will find band schedule and CD information. The audiences here are very receptive to jazz, which makes it a thrill to play my music. I also have a job every day as the lead alto saxophonist with US Air Force Jazz Band, "Pacific Showcase", located at Yokota Air Base, located just outside Tokyo. The CD features original jazz quartet compositions and standards by saxophonist and leader Jim Butler and also features recording artist drummer Gerry "The Thrasher" Gibbs. Jim's approach to jazz is influenced by such diverse artists as John Coltrane, Jimi Hendrix, and world music. "Jim Butler is a man that can, and will, play everything from all-out jazz to pure rock n, roll... The songs [on Journeys] move from

peaceful to raucous, sometimes within the same piece, yet retain a sense of the whole...Butler is talented enough, and seasoned enough, to create music that challenges without losing sight of structure that swings." -- Jim Beal, San Antonio Express-News, March 7, 2003 ... 26 6 () "" " Journeys " Warner Bros. " the Thrasher " "" CD Review of my CD, Journeys: 2003 3 7

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