## **Mp3 Tedd Baker - Mugshots**



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Featuring all original compositions, this debut cd contains exploratory yet catchy tunes performed by a solid cast of established DC-based hitters. Raw, rooted, and gritty... 8 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Traditional Jazz Combo, JAZZ: Bebop Details: Tenor and soprano saxophonist Tedd Baker brings raw energy to every performance by creating a unique soulful sound full of original phrases based firmly in the tradition. Tedd strives to connect immediately with his patrons and fellow band mates as is evident in the approving hollers on the bandstand and the applause in the audience. Tedd is also well respected among his peers and has a great rapport among fellow musicians. Both a composer and performer, Tedd is celebrating the release of his all-original debut CD MUGSHOTS this year. Born in Binghamton, NY, Tedd was raised near Boston and started studying piano at the age of 6. He switched to the tenor sax at 10 and started exploring jazz. Tedd also studied the bass guitar in his early teens, yet began playing the saxophone professionally in Boston during high school. Tedd then attended New England Conservatory on a scholarship, and earned a bachelors degree. While attending NEC, Tedd placed as runner-up in the Boston Jazz Society scholarship competition, and regularly performed in the Boston and New York City areas. Upon graduation, he toured the Middle East with a jazz trio, and after returning, actively performed and recorded in the Northeast's jazz, blues and beyond scenes. In 1998, he moved to Queens, NY, continuing to perform while earning a Master of Arts degree from The Aaron Copeland School of Music, Queens College (CUNY). While at Queens College, Tedd placed first in the 2000 Hilton Head Jazz Society Competition. Tedd Baker has performed professionally as a sideman with many jazz masters and numerous "up and coming" jazz musicians both in the USA and overseas including Barry Harris, Pete Yellin, Slide Hampton, Jon Faddis, Darren Barrett, Duane Eubanks, Donnie McCaslin, Allyn Johnson, Jeremy Pelt, Richard Johnson, Jaz Sawyer, Kevin Louis, John Sullivan, Grady Tate, Allison Miller,

Michael Mossman, Arturo O'Farrill, Andrew Adair, Steve Hass and Quincy Davis. Tedd also performed with the Artie Shaw Orchestra, The Ryles Jazz Orchestra, The Harry James Band, The Jimmy Heath Kids Band (aboard the Queen Elizabeth II during the 2001 Charlie Parker Floating Jazz Festival) and with The Frank Carlberg/Andrew Rathbun Orchestra. In 2001, Mr. Baker was chosen as a Jazz Ambassador for the US Department of State, touring South America, Central America and Jamaica as a member of the Doron Richard Johnson Trio. In that same year, Tedd served as an adjunct jazz faculty member at the State University of New York (SUNY)-New Paltz. Tedd is currently the lead tenor saxophonist with The Airmen of Note, which is the premiere jazz orchestra of The United States Air Force Band, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC (usafband.com). As a member of the Airmen of Note, Tedd has performed with numerous internationally renown artists including Ron Carter, Pat Martino, Nnenna Freelon, Eddie Palmieri, Duffy Jackson, Nicholas Payton, Eddie Daniels, Doc Severinsen, BeBe Winans, and Paquito DRivera. Besides his lead tenor duties for the Airmen of Note, Tedd is an in-demand performer and recording artist in the US and abroad. Tedd performs regularly at various jazz clubs in the famous U Street Corridor of Washington DC and is featured on The Young Lions latest live recording, Ibrahims Dream-Recorded Live At Caf Nema, DC. (cdbaby.com/cd/younglions). Tedd plans to release a follow up live CD next year.

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