

JD ALLEN

Tenor Saxophonist & Composer

BIOGRAPHY

Hailed by **The New York Times** as *"a tenor saxophonist with an enigmatic, elegant, and hard-driving style," JD Allen* stands among the most vital saxophonists and composers in contemporary jazz.

Beginning his career in New York, Allen quickly established himself as a dominant lead voice in modern jazz.

Renowned for his mastery of the minimalist chordless trio and his "Hemingway-esque" brevity—saying everything necessary with razor-sharp precision—Allen's body of work spans over two decades of critically acclaimed releases on Savant, Sunnyside, and Criss Cross.

COMPLETE LEAD DISCOGRAPHY

YEAR	TITLE	LABEL
2025	Love Letters (The Ballad Sessions)	Savant
2024	The Dark, the Light, the Grey and the Colorful	Savant
2023	This.	Savant
2022	Americana, Vol. 2	Savant / HighNote
2021	Queen City (Solo Saxophone)	Savant
2020	Toys / Die Dreaming	Savant
2019	Barracoon	Savant
2018	Love Stone	Savant
2017	Radio Flyer	Savant
2016	Americana: Musings on Jazz and Blues	Savant
2015	Graffiti	Savant
2014	Bloom	Savant
2013	Grace	Savant
2012	The Matador and the Bull	Savant
2011	Victory!	Sunnyside
2009	Shine!	Sunnyside
2008	I Am I Am	Sunnyside
2002	Pharoah's Children	Criss Cross
1999	In Search Of...	Italian Ctr. of Jazz Studies

HIGHLIGHTS

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ALBUMS AS LEADER

- Over two decades of critically acclaimed recordings
- Internationally renowned tenor saxophonist & composer

CRITICAL ACCLAIM

"A tenor saxophonist with an enigmatic, elegant and hard-driving style."

— The New York Times

"Allen wields his sax like a switchblade... retaining a Hemingway-esque approach to phrasing."

— DownBeat

"One of the most thoughtful jazz saxophonists on the scene today... balancing brave individualism."

— WBGO / NPR Jazz

PERFORMANCE FORMATS

- **JD Allen Trio:** Tenor Sax, Acoustic Bass, Drums (Core chordless format)
- **JD Allen Quartet:** Tenor Sax, Piano, Bass, Drums
- **Solo Performance:** Unaccompanied Tenor Saxophone (*Queen City* material)

BOOKING & CONTACT

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