ARTIST PROFILE: RICH KOWALEWSKI



Bassist, Teacher, Publisher, Leader, Clinician



KEY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ◆ 20+ years of one-on-one teaching experience
- ◆ Mastery on double bass; fretted and fretless bass guitar (4-, 5-, 6-strings) in styles ranging from jazz to classical, world, Latin, rock and blues
- ◆ Adjunct associations with Oakland University, Henry Ford Community College, Macomb Community College, Schoolcraft College
- MSBOA member on private teaching list for schools in Farmington, Troy, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Utica, Warren and at Detroit Country Day
- ◆ Author/publisher of two books of solo works: Art of the Six-String Bass: Solo Arrangements for Six-String Bass Guitar; and Chopin in Brazil: Bass Solos with Accompaniment for Recital or **Competition** (see/hear samples at www.basschool.com)
- Owner, lead teacher at Basschool since 1994, which offers: private lessons; weekly bass chamber music ensembles based on materials arranged and developed for each group; and three recitals a year for student development
- ◆ Active clinician conducting Latin/jazz band sessions at the middle school, high school and college levels

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Double bass student of Robert Gladstone, late principal bass, Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ Formal music study at Macomb Community College and Wayne State University

EXPERIENCED, WORKING PROFESSIONAL

- Leader of popular Southeast Michigan band Brazil and Beyond since 1998
- Detroit Music Awards winner in "Outstanding World Recording" category in both 2004 and 2006
- ◆ Leader of Kid Brother jazz trio for 4 years
- Arranger and BMI composer
- Producer of 7 CDs
- ◆ Performer with **Wynton Marsalis**, international jazz trumpet artist; **Martha Reeves**, renowned Motown vocalist; Dave Samuels, mallet artist/leader of Caribbean Jazz Project; Ernie Wilkins, Count Basie arranger/composer and jazz great; and Matt Michaels, Detroit pianist, educator and jazz icon

APPEARANCES AS GROUP LEADER

- ◆ Ford Detroit International JazzFest (headliner)
- Michigan Jazz Festival
- Ann Arbor Jazz Festival (headliner)
- ◆ WIR: Mitch Albom Show (numerous times)
- ◆ WIBK-TV: Morning Show



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