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Smooth Jazz
With An Attitude



Experience, maturity, innovation, and creativity. The trumpet player and composer to hire to bring a positive, upbeat vibe to your occasion through jazz.

1980-Present: Freelance Trumpet Player

Playing, performing, and recording on trumpet and flugelhorn in a variety of different musical situations, including, but not limited to: jazz, weddings, corporate events, latin, reggae, ballroom dance, cruise ships, shows, and studio sessions in Chicago, New York, and Nashville.

1980-Present: Private Trumpet and Jazz Improvisation Instructor

Extensive one-on-one musical instruction with beginners, middle school students, high school students, college music students, beginning adults, and professional musicians. Prepared and implemented lesson plans catered to the individual needs and abilities of each student.

2006-2011: F. Scott's Jazz Club

Regular appearances with my own quartet, the Joe Gross Quartet, performing original compositions and covers of smooth jazz, straight ahead jazz, and post bop jazz in an exclusive jazz club in Nashville.

1995-2003: Trumpet Player, Jazz Knights, United States Military Academy Band, United States Army, West Point, New York

Auditioned for and won a position as a member, featured soloist and assistant lead player with the Jazz Knights, a big band jazz ensemble. Also participated in marching band, and numerous small groups. Provided high-level musical performance for military and patriotic ceremonies, public concerts, sporting events, radio and television broadcasts, visiting national and international dignitaries, presidential inaugurations, and support for the Corps of Cadets, military officers, and the West Point community. Participated in the band's educational outreach program, including clinics, master classes, small group instruction, one-on-one instruction, and adjudication of ensembles. Also in charge of recording, entering, maintaining, and editing band supply information on each individual band member, and assisting in providing needed supplies to band members.

1991: Trumpet performer with Louise Mandrell

Auditioned for and won a position performing on stage as a trumpet player with Louise Mandrell at Opryland Theme Park in Nashville in a full production show, **Love My Country**, also working with Barbara and Irlene Mandrell.

1986: Finalist for the Horace Silver Jazz Ensemble

Placed as a finalist for the world renowned Horace Silver Jazz Ensemble, with assistance from jazz greats James Moody and Michael Brecker.