

Dan Pinson

Woodwind Artist



Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone Saxophones ♦ Flute, Piccolo ♦ Clarinet
Vocalist ♦ Composer ♦ Bandleader ♦ Educator ♦ Producer

Born in Phoenix, Arizona, Dan started his music career playing clarinet at the age of seven. Since then, he has performed in many venues, from jazz clubs and festivals in the U.S., Mexico, and Europe, to performing on television and radio, including an appearance on Public Radio International, and in a commercial advertisement for Coldstone Creamery.

He has appeared with or opened for a wide variety of international, national and local artists, including Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, Don Rickles, Joan Rivers, BB King, The Beach Boys, Spyrogyra, Kenny Loggins, Jay Leno, Gato Barbieri, Jeffrey Osborne, Keiko and Kazu Matsui, Richie Cole, Gerry Mulligan, Pete Jolly, Mills Brothers, Harry James Band, The Drifters, Freda Payne, Latin music star Selena, and Grammy winner Grupo Niche.

Classically trained on clarinet at Arizona State University, Dan has performed with the Arizona State University Symphony Orchestra, Scottsdale Symphony Orchestra and the Glendale Community Orchestra. He has studied with jazz and classical music educators including George Cables, Gary Foster, Eric Kloss, Joe Corral, Chuck Mahronic, Vince Maggio, Jack Ratterree and W. Henry Duckham.

Dan is a past Faculty Associate at Arizona State University West and was a 20-year Roster Artist with the Arizona Commission on the Arts. He has provided workshops, master classes, and lectures to over 30,000 students in elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and universities, musician's unions, and community centers throughout Arizona and Mexico.

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"Dan deserves greater attention."

Downbeat Magazine

"Dan rocks with the best."

Hilary Gray, JazzTimes

"...this excellent Latin-flavored instrumental album ("South of the Border") emerges as a definitive showcase for Pinson's multiple reed skills..." "I Remember Clifford" is an exquisite reading, Pinson displaying his lyrical strengths...a dynamic production."

Patricia Myers, JazzTimes

Influences and Similar Artists:

Cannonball Adderley, Paquito D'Rivera
David Sanborn, Grover Washington Jr.
Art Pepper, Bobby Watson, Jackie McLean
Dexter Gordon, Joe Farrell, Hank Mobley
Hubert Laws, Dave Valentin
Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw