

Jason Keiser Music EPK

Personal Backgrounder:

Jason Keiser is a professional guitarist based out of the Bay Area and currently resides in San Jose, California. Jason studied jazz at West Valley Community College under the tutelage of Jazz Studies Director Gus Kambeitz and local professional guitarist Rick Vandivier. Jason finished his studies at West Valley College in 2016. In the summer of 2016, Jason won a music scholarship competition award for his bluegrass guitar virtuosity from The Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival in Oak Hill, New York. In the Fall of 2016, Jason transferred to East Tennessee State University to study Bluegrass, Old-Time, & Country Music Studies. Jason studied under professional bluegrass guitarist Wyatt Rice, professional bluegrass mandolinist Adam Steffey as well as under ethnomusicologist and professional mandolinist Dr. Lee Bidgood. In May of 2018, Jason graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in Bluegrass, Old-Time, & Country Music Studies with an academic honor of Cum Laude, and moved back to San Jose California to begin his Masters of Music in Jazz Studies with a jazz music scholarship at San Jose State University. He continues to pursue his M.M. in Jazz Studies, studying under professional guitarist Rick Vandivier with his graduation in May of 2020.

During his studies, Jason continues to perform professionally all over the Bay Area. Please see Mr. Keiser's website for specific venues he has since performed at.

Currently, Jason has one record released back in 2016 entitled ***Conversations with Jason*** featuring Knoxville TN native, professional jazz pianist and educator Jason Day as well as Jason Keiser on guitar. This music can be heard on Itunes, Amazon Music, Spotify, and is available for digital download on major streaming companies, and CD Baby for digital download.

Band(s) Backgrounder:

Jason currently performs in various ensembles throughout the Bay Area. Please see below for the specific ensembles in which Jason Keiser collaborates and leads.

The Latin Music Collective:

This groups include an 11 piece salsa and latin music ensemble led by professional vocalist and Watsonville native Melissa Garay. Jason Keiser plays both guitar and the tres cubano in this collective ensemble. The ensemble performs at a high intensity the classic salsa standards, cumbia, pop ranging from Prince, to Chaka Khan and more! The ensemble just recently performed at a huge wedding in Watsonville CA, and video & audio footage is currently being edited. The date of release is still to be determined.

Jason Keiser & Melissa Garay Duo:

As well as a sideman, Jason Keiser runs his own ensembles including the Jason Keiser and Melissa Garay Duo project. This features lush, lyrical singing by Ms. Garay and guitar and tres by Jason Keiser. The styles and genres in this duo focus more around the plethora of latin music and styles including bolero, cumbia, salsa, mambo, danzon, bossa nova. Both colleagues are also heavily rooted in the jazz idiom and the Garay and Keiser duo perform jazz standards, bebop, blues, and swing. The duo stylings of Jason & Melissa vary and can compliment any events, including winery and wine tasting events, wine bars, private parties, background music, as well as performances in clubs, listening rooms, concert halls, and hotels such as The Fairmont in San Jose California. At this time, there is no music recorded from the duo, but a recording project is currently in the works.

Latin Music Trio Colectivo:

This group consists of both Melissa Garay (vocals), Jason Keiser (guitar, tres), as well as professional jazz pianist and educator Abi Romero Ramirez. Combined as a drum less trio, this collective branches and performs jazz, to bossa nova, salsa, canciones by Luis Miguel, and more. The trio also includes prolific double bassist Rodrigo Ruiz when the trio is piano-less. At this time, there is no music recorded from the trio, but a recording project is currently in the works.

Jason Keiser & Rodrigo Ruiz Acoustic Duo:

Led by Jason Keiser, this duo group features the many unique guitar and musical stylings by Mr. Keiser and the classical virtuoso bowing and pizzicato work of professional bassist and current SJSU Music student Rodrigo Ruiz. The duo's music is highly technical, virtuosic, and blends bluegrass, jazzgrass, latin, classical, flamenco, and jazz styles into an instrumental, groove based acoustic duo. Currently, the Jason Keiser & Rodrigo Ruiz duo have recorded three professional music videos featuring a composition by Jason Keiser called "Back in California", as well as the bluegrass gospel classic "The Old Rugged Cross", and bossa nova Bonfa standard "Black Orpheus". Please see the music videos below for these specific renditions.

Music Samples: *Conversations with Jason*

<https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/jasonkeiser>

Performance Calendar:

Previous performances in June include:

Jason Keiser Jazz Duo Featuring Peter Trigiani: 6/8/19 Flight Wine Bar & Cafe

Jason Keiser & Melissa Garay Duo: 6/13/19 Fairmont Hotel San Jose

Latin Music Collective: 6/15/19 Wedding event

Trio Colectivo: 6/22/19 live at Sunnyvale Farmers Market

Upcoming Performances:

Trio Colectivo: 6/29/19 live at Flight Wine Bar & Café

Jason Keiser & Melissa Garay Duo: 7/6/19 live at Big Dog Vineyards

Trio Colectivo: 7/18/19 & 7/19/19 live at Fairmont Hotel San Jose

Trio Colectivo: 8/22/19 & 8/23/19 live at Fairmont Hotel San Jose

Trio Colectivo: 9/29/19 live at Campbell Farmers Market

Trio Colectivo: 10/12/19 live at Sunnyvale Farmers Market

Trio Colectivo: 10/26/19 live at Willow Glen Farmers Market

Stage Plot:

Latin Music Collective:

Full Ensemble: *PA, mics will be provided by musicians unless a backline is already available

Lead Singer

2 background singers

1 Alto Saxophone

1 Tenor Saxophone

2 Trumpets

Timbales

Drum Set

Conga/Bongo

Piano

Guitar/Tres

Bass

Ensemble needs:

3 Shure SM58 cardioid mics for vocals

4 instrumental mics for brass/woodwind including 2 Shure-SM58, Audio Technica 4040, Nuemann U87

Timbales: 2 SM57's & 2 Nuemann KM184's

Congas: 2 SM57's

Necessary PA & Monitor mix for vocals & rhythm section

Jason Keiser & Melissa Garay Duo:

****PA, mics will be provided by musicians unless a backline is available***

Monitor Mix for vocals and guitar.

Latin Music Trio Colectivo:

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Monitor mix for vocals, piano, and guitar.

Photography

Jason Keiser:











Jason Keiser & Melissa Garay Duo:



Latin Music Trio Colectivo:



Jason Keiser & Rodrigo Ruiz Acoustic Duo:



Jason Keiser

Acoustic Jazz



Rodrigo Ruiz

Spacegrass Duo

Music Videos:

Jason Keiser & Rodrigo Ruiz Acoustic Duo:

“Back in California”: <https://youtu.be/4mW86q1WV5U>

“The Old Rugged Cross”: <https://youtu.be/R5fu-9mPIVw>

“Black Orpheus”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mufQL-gTuI>

Press Coverage:

Conversations with Jason: "Great stuff from Jason & Jason. From Spacegrass to Jazz Standards, this music is highly recommended.

Overall, a well done performance, and the arrangements are great!"-

Wyatt Rice (Rice Recording, Professional Bluegrass Guitarist,

Original Member of The Tony Rice Unit, Wyatt Rice & Santa Cruz)

We have been consistently impressed by his skilled and tasteful interpretations of jazz classics from the Great American Songbook as well as his broad repertoire of other musical tunes and styles. His performances have been a true asset, contributing elegance to our wine events and delighting our customers."

J Lohr. Winery & Vineyards Establishment

"Jason is a breath of fresh air in the local jazz landscape, bringing an Americana roots oriented approach to the standard repertoire"

Gus Kambeitz- Professional Bay Area Bassist & Music Educator

"For two years I hired Jason to provide musical entertainment at my luxury real estate events--open houses, broker tours and client appreciation gatherings. His playing is so beautiful and artistic.

Jason's style brought such class and elegance to every occasion."

-Barbara S. Werner Keller Williams Bay Area Estates

"If you Like":

Latin Music 11 Piece Collective:

If you like Hector Lavoe and the Fania All-Stars, Willie Colon, Buena Vista Social Club, and Septeto Nacional with a tinge of Mariah Carey and Chaka Khan, this ensemble will be perfect for your venue.

Jason Keiser & Melissa Garay Duo:

If you like the musical interplay heard between Ella Fitzgerald and Joe Pass, the canciones of Luis Miguel, Gilberto's influence from "The Girl From Ipanema", and Hector Lavoe's range, this duo can fit into any musical situation!

Trio Colectivo:

If you enjoy the stylings of Oscar Peterson, Nat King Cole, mixed with Michel Camilo, Chucho Valdes, combined with the influenced guitar and tres stylings of Joe Pass, Eddie Palmieri, Yomo Toro, and a

combination of influences between Selena, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald, this trio is just what you are looking for!

Jason Keiser & Rodrigo Ruiz Acoustic Duo:

For a moment, think the melodic, acoustic spontaneity of Edgar Meyer & Chris Thile. Then, add the tenacity and virtuosity of Tony Rice's guitar playing, mixed with influences fusion guitar slingers Strunz & Farah. Now lets add the classical influences of Mozart, Bach, and bluegrass greats David Grisman, Bill Monroe, and Wyatt Rice. This acoustic duo group is ready to play and brings all these wonderful influences to bear during their performances.

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