



## MARCUS LEWIS BIG BAND

### BIO

**ABOUT MARCUS LEWIS:** Marcus holds a BM in jazz performance from Valdosta State University and MM in trombone performance from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Marcus currently lives in Kansas City, MO, where he leads his own quintet, 18-piece Big Band and counties to tour all over the world. Marcus is on the adjunct jazz faculty at UMKC.

Marcus released his debut CD in 2012 entitled "Facing East" which was featured in Vogue Magazine as being one the top Janelle Monae's 2012 Summer Playlist. Marcus Lewis is the Artistic Director of Future Jazz, a nonprofit dedicated to Jazz Education.

Marcus has performed at venues that include the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, the Klaipeda Jazz Festival in 2003, and the Jimmy Carter Summer Concert Series in 2008. As a sideman, he has also performed at the 53rd Annual Grammy Awards, the 2010 New Orleans Jazz Fest, the 2011 Glastonbury Festival, the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Concert and the 2012 North Sea Jazz Festival, the Sydney Opera House, and for President Barack Obama at the White House in 2011 and 2012. Television shows include SNL, David Letterman, The Today Show, Jools Holland, Arsenio Hall, and American Idol. Marcus was awarded the 2008 Betty Carter Jazz Residency and the 2003 Outstanding Soloist award at the Wichita Jazz Festival.

Some notable artists that Marcus has performed and/or recorded with are Aretha Franklin, Prince, Janelle Monáe, Bruno Mars, B.o.B, Jidenna, Musiqsoulchild, Avery Sunshine, The Barkays, Confunkshun, and Sugarfoot's Ohio Players. In addition to an active touring and recording schedule, Marcus stays busy writing, arranging, teaching and leading clinics and master-classes worldwide. More information regarding Marcus can be found at <https://marcuslewis.net/>.

### ABOUT KEMET THE PHANTOM:

Kemet Coleman otherwise known as Kemet the Phantom is one of Kansas City most elusive yet heralded musicians. Maintaining his integrity as a rapper, the Substruct Music artist formlessly combines elements of Jazz and electronic music in his production style with Rap aesthetics to create what many have coined to be "Dapper Rap".

Kemet the Phantom is a Kansas City enthusiast and urbanist often known for his unprecedented collaborations with KC entities and organizations such as University of Missouri-Kansas City, KC Streetcar and The Kansas City Royals. He is also highly regarded for his impresario role within the Sly James for Mayor Campaign in the 2010-2011 where he created the first ever Kansas City mayoral candidate rap song. Also University of Missouri - Kansas City alumnus, Kemet, after being fed up with his alma-mater being a sports afterthought (locally) created "Gold and Blue" which has garnered thousands of plays on YouTube and has been featured on prime-time television commercials for the university.

Creating almost a formless persona as a rapper and public figure, Kemet the Phantom has graced the cover of multiple newspapers and magazine covers and won numerous awards: 2009, INK Magazine, 2011 KC Magazine, 2012 Pitch Weekly. He is a two time Pitch Music Award nominee for "Best Hip-Hop Act" in Kansas City and was the 2011 Big Brothers Big Sisters "Sexiest Single" in Kansas City. More information regarding Kemet can be found at <http://www.kemetthephantom.com/>.

#### ABOUT KADESH FLOW:

Emcee and trombonist Ryan "Kadesh Flow" Davis is a rapper with an MBA, a Trombone Super Saiyan, an Otaku Maven, and a cosplay Padawan. At age 11, 'Desh, as many of his listeners call him, began rapping and playing trombone within two weeks of one another. Now, he brings realism, consciousness, and otaku thoughts together in riveting flow format. He has composed original music for Toonami Asia and for FUNimation backed anime documentaries, his music has been featured on network television in multiple countries and territories across Southeast Asia, and he has been publicly lauded by outlets such as IGN and Kotaku. Locally, Kadesh can be found rocking solo hip hop sets, laying down bone bars with KC funk juggernaut The Phantastics, or jamming with various bands and artists throughout the city. More information regarding Kadesh can be found at [www.kadeshflow.com](http://www.kadeshflow.com).

#### ABOUT THE BAND:

The Marcus Lewis Big Band is a 18 piece jazz ensemble that plays original music, and is based in Kansas City. It's members are Kansas City's "top call" jazz section players, and improvisers. The band is gearing up for their album release entitled "Brass and Boujee" on August 25th.

#### PRESS

*"Brass and Boujee takes hip hop and big band, and makes something entirely new."*

— Central Standard

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