



TIVON PENNICOTT

BIO

Tivon Pennicott was born & raised in Marietta, Georgia in December of 1985. He began studying tenor saxophone in high school, garnering recognition early on as an outstanding soloist in the Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington competition, as well as the Georgia All-state Jazz Band. In 2004, he relocated to Miami to study at the University of Miami, where he had the opportunity to perform alongside artists such as: Dave Liebman, Randy Brecker, and Maria Schneider.

While still in college, guitar legend Kenny Burrell invited Tivon to join his quintet. He would then go on to appear on Burrell's 2008 live release, "Be Yourself." Tivon's continuing association with Burrell has led to numerous performance opportunities at many of the world's greatest jazz venues including: Blue Note & Blue Note Tokyo (Japan), Billboard Live (Japan) Catalina's Jazz Club (Los Angeles), Yoshi's Jazz Club (Oakland and San Francisco), Smalls Jazz Club etc. alongside special guests like Stevie Wonder, Wynton Marsalis, and many others.

Tivon moved to New York in 2009 and has since established himself as a talented young leader. Tivon is a 3-time Grammy winner as well as a 2nd place winner in the prestigious Thelonius Monk Competition. He enjoys collaborating with a variety of bandleaders in their own tours as well as their recording projects- from 2-time Grammy winner Gregory Porter, appearing on his albums "Be Good", "Liquid Spirit", & "Take Me to the Alley", to 2-time Grammy Award Winner, Esperanza Spalding, appearing on her crossover success, "Radio Music Society". He tours with Gregory Porter, the masterful drummer Al Foster, Roy Hargrove's RH Factor, Roy Hargrove Big Band, jazz songstress Nellie McKay, R&B crooner Joe Thomas and central figures in the contemporary jazz scene, like Ari Hoenig, E.J. Strickland, Marko Djordjevic, as well as many more.

Tivon's own endeavors as a leader showcase his tenacity as a player, while also providing a forum for his audacious compositions. His unique style incorporates his masterful attention to rhythm, tasteful melodic lines, and his deep understanding of the importance of the groove. His maturity as a player extends far beyond his years, facilitating music that is refreshing, insightful, and deliciously exciting. Pick up his debut album "Lover of Nature" via CD Baby, iTunes, Amazon etc.

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