

Richard Walton Group

Barry Caudill *composer, saxophones, flutes*

David Meer *composer, electric, acoustic & bass guitars, vocals*

Matt Perich *composer, lead guitar*

Eric Robertson *composer, drums*

Mitchell Shaivitz *percussion, drums*

Richard Walton *composer, bass & acoustic guitars, vocals*

The Richard Walton Group is celebrating its 30th anniversary as an accomplished, award winning, multi-genre instrumental group. In 2016, they were nominated '**Best Jazz Artist**' by the **Maryland Music Awards** and a **WAMMIE** for '**Best Jazz CD**' for their highly anticipated CD "**Under The Current**". They are one of the first contemporary jazz groups to emerge from the Mid-Atlantic area into the national smooth jazz radio market in the mid 1990's. The group's 2006 HDCD, "**Junction**", is a critically acclaimed studio release that has blessed the group reaching new audiences, supplemented with an array of high profile performances. Their live 'enhanced' CD EP, "**Live At Blues Alley**", was recorded at a nearly sold-out performance at the world famous jazz club.

Formed in 1991, after being chosen as a semi-finalist in a Mid-Atlantic sponsorship, Richard and his group have gained regional and national recognition through airplay, songwriting contests and performances. In 2006, The Richard Walton Group placed 3rd in the [Music Monthly](#) "*Mid-Atlantic Reader's Polls*" for **Best Mid-Atlantic Instrumental Group**. The group also received honorable mention in [Music Monthly](#) readers' polls as **Best Mid-Atlantic Group** (instrumental & jazz) during the late 1990's & 2004. Following the releases of their other critically acclaimed compact discs "**Hear & Now**", "**Where Time Stood Still**" & "**Savannah Blue**", Richard and the group have a proven reputation as versatile composers, producers & performers. They have collectively received 40 songwriting awards from numerous songwriting contests and continue to perform throughout the Mid-Atlantic area.

Richard Walton Group fun facts:

- * Their new EP will be released in 2021. Their last CD "**Under The Current**" was released in 2015.
- * Their music can be heard on Pandora Radio and purchased on all digital download sites.
- * Their music has been used on CBS Television on 60 Minutes II and various commercials.
- * They were one of the first groups from the Mid-Atlantic area to break into national smooth jazz radio markets in the mid 1990's
- * They have shared the stage with Genesis' Steve Hackett, Crack The Sky, Carl Filipiak Group, David Bach Consort, Soft Machine's Kevin Ayers, GrooveLilly, etc.
- * Past group members include Creative Soul/Jazz recording artist Drew Davidson & Los Angeles based film soundtrack composer Jacob Yoffee