Richard Walton Group

Michael Bronson *composer, lead guitar*
Michael Gottleib *composer, keyboards*
Dave Krug *composer, saxophones*
David Meer *composer, electric, acoustic & bass guitars, vocals*
Eric Robertson *composer, drums*
Mitchell Shaivitz *percussion, drums*
Richard Walton *composer, bass & acoustic guitars, vocals*

The Richard Walton Group is celebrating its 25th anniversary as an accomplished, award winning, multi-genre instrumental group. **In 2016**, they were nominated '***Best Jazz Artist*** ' by the **Maryland Music Awards**. **In 2015**, they released their highly anticipated CD ***"Under The Current".*** They are one of the first contemporary jazz group's 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 brand new 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**