

# Richard Walton Group

**Barry Caudill** *composer, saxophones*

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

**Matt Perich** *composer, lead guitar*

**Mitchell Shaivitz** *drums, engineer*

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

The Richard Walton Group is celebrating its 32nd anniversary as an accomplished, award winning, multi-genre instrumental group. **In 2023**, they released their highly anticipated new 8 song CD **"5 By Seven"**. **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:

- \* In March 2023, their new 8 song studio CD '5 By Seven' was released
- \* Their last studio 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