

MIKE
FREEDMAN
GUITARIST/COMPOSER



MIKE FREEDMAN BIO

Mike Freedman is a highly sought-after guitarist, composer and band leader based in Toronto. Into the Daybreak, his album of original instrumental jazz tunes, was recently released to critical acclaim, reaching #1 on the CFUV jazz radio charts and charting on many others, including the Jazz Weekly charts, where it peaked at #159. It currently is receiving frequent radio airplay across Canada and the US.

Since graduating cum laude from Berklee College of Music with a degree in Film Scoring and Jazz Guitar, Mike has been actively involved in the music scene, where his versatility lends itself to working on a wide variety of musical projects, performances and recordings.

Mike has recorded two singer/songwriter CDs of his own material, as well as three CDs of instrumental guitar. He has also played on other musicians' recordings and regularly performs with original bands in the greater Toronto area, the US and Europe. As a songwriter, he has co-written and performed with other jazz singers whose work reached #1 on the iTunes jazz charts, including Tia Brazda, who he continues to co-write and tour with.

In 2000, Mike received honourable mention in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest. His songs and instrumental music have been included in films and on TV. To date, he has written the scores for three feature films and numerous short films. He is an active co-writer and performer, having co-written and recorded songs with such artists as Tia Brazda, Ed Roman, The Willows, Steven Taetz and Barbra Lica.

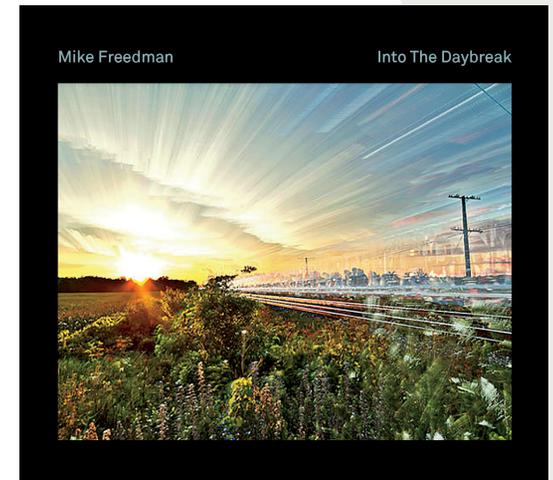
THE MUSIC

Mike Freedman's latest CD, Into The Daybreak features 9 of Mike's tunes which blend his love of many different styles of music, ranging from jazz, latin, to blues and ambient music. This album is Mike's debut as a leader and his first instrumental jazz album.

These 9 contrasting and colourful tunes glimmer with inspired performances and vibrancy. Mike worked closely with Grammy nominated engineer Jeremy Darby, who helped to capture a clear yet natural snapshot of these inspired tunes. The tracks are filled with memorable melodies, beautiful solos, and heartfelt playing. Well respected musicians including Jeremy Ledbetter (piano), Max Senitt (drums), Chris Gale (sax) and Alexis Baro (trumpet) played on the album and are also part of the live shows. The album has done extremely well on jazz radio over the last year, receiving regular airplay on Jazz FM and other jazz stations. It has charted on several radio charts including #1 on the CFUV charts and #159 on the International Jazz Weekly Charts.

Mike and his band have begun performing live over the last year, including a CD showcase at Small World Music Centre. Mike brings over 20 years of touring and live performing at clubs, venues as well as on large festival stages to his project. The band has created a stellar and dynamic performance that continues to win audiences and fans.

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THE BAND

Mike Freedman: guitar
Max Senitt: drums
Jeremy Ledbetter: piano
Kobi Hass: bass
Alexis Baro: trumpet
Chris Gale: sax



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PRESS QUOTES

"This album features nine of Freedman's original compositions and each one is a sparkling gem"

Dee Dee McNeil

"Canadian guitarist Mike Freedman delivers clean, concise, clear and classy guitar work."

George W. Harris-Jazz Weekly

"..flawless attention to detail and top notch execution"

Take Effect

"Freedman's playing is thoroughly impressive on Into the Daybreak"

David Reed

"Freedman wrote nine tunes for the album that have shades of Latin jazz, blues and ambient music, each sounding distinctly like a Mike Freedman original: melodic, and with a story to tell."

Brad Barker

PROMO PHOTOS



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