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## Jonathan Kreisberg

Born in New York City, guitarist and composer Jonathan Kreisberg has fond memories of a childhood steeped in music. "I was lucky to grow up in a household that had a great and wide-ranging record collection, including Coltrane's *My Favorite Things*, John Williams playing the 'Aranjuez Concierto' and Cream's *Disraeli Gears*," he recalls.

Jonathan started playing guitar at the age of ten. At 16 he was admitted to the New World School of the Arts in Miami, where his jazz studies took center stage. Intensely dedicated to the instrument, he was featured in *Guitar Player* and *DownBeat* while still in his teens. He won a scholarship to the University of Miami, where he held the guitar chair in the acclaimed Concert Jazz Band, touring Brazil and performing with Joe Henderson, Michael Brecker, and Red Rodney. In Miami he also performed with the New World Symphony under Michael Tilson Thomas.

Since returning to New York City in 1997, Jonathan has worked in the bands of many greats including Joe Locke, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Joel Frahm, Greg Tardy, Roy Nathanson, Donald Edwards, Jane Monheit, Ari Hoenig, Yosvany Terry, and Lenny White. He has also led groups of various instrumentations featuring artists such as Bill Stewart, Larry Grenadier, and Scott Wendholt. He has recorded five CDs as a leader, including *Unearth* (2005), his first release on Mel Bay Records.

Jonathan recently recorded *The South of Everywhere*, scheduled for release on Mel Bay Records in October 2007. The CD features Will Vinson on alto saxophone, Gary Versace on piano, Matt Penman on bass, and Mark Ferber on drums. It is a dynamic album, combining Jonathan's exciting compositions in his quintet and his trio's unique takes on standards.

Although based in New York City, Jonathan can be seen on tour worldwide. Along with North American performances, he recently completed successful tours of Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Finland, and Japan. With return visits to these countries as well as tours of Germany and Italy planned for 2008, Jonathan is steadily becoming a figure on the international jazz scene. When not on the road, Jonathan performs with his trio each Wednesday at La Lanterna in Greenwich Village, and his quintet can often be heard at Smalls Jazz Club.

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