



Mel Bay
R E C O R D S

Dave Stryker

Whether you've heard guitarist Dave Stryker fronting his own group or as a featured sideman with Stanley Turrentine, Jack McDuff and Kevin Mahogany, you know why Gary Giddins in *The Village Voice* called him "one of the most distinctive guitarists to come along in recent years." Dave was voted one of the Top Ten Guitarists in the 2001 *DownBeat* Critics and Readers Poll and a Rising Star in the 2004 and 2006 *DownBeat* Critics Polls. *DownBeat* gave four stars to *Big City*, Dave's first CD on Mel Bay Records, and named it one of the top CDs for 2005.

Dave grew up in Omaha, Nebraska and moved to New York City in 1980. After establishing himself on the local music scene, he joined organist Jack McDuff's group in 1984 and toured North America for two years. Dave then joined tenor saxophonist Stanley Turrentine from 1986 to 1995, performing at major festivals, concert halls and clubs throughout the world. He is featured on two Turrentine CDs and played with jazz legends Dizzy Gillespie and Freddie Hubbard during this period.

Dave has released 19 CDs as a leader, mostly on the SteepleChase label. *Blue to the Bone III* was voted one of the top CD's of 2002 by W B G O , the top jazz station in the New York City area, and by JazzReview.com.

Dave has recorded and published over eighty of his own compositions. Other artists who have recorded his music include Stanley Turrentine, Kevin Mahogany, Victor Lewis, Steve Slagle, and Ultrablue. He continues to perform with longtime-partner Steve Slagle in their working unit, The Stryker / Slagle Band. His most recent project is The Dave Stryker Trio featuring Jared Gold on organ and Tony Reedus on drums. Recent gigs for The Stryker / Slagle Band have included the Monterey Jazz Festival, The Blue Note in Las Vegas, The Jazz Bakery in Los Angeles, and a 2003 tour of Japan.

In addition to private lessons, Dave teaches at the Outreach Jazz Workshop in Austria, the Litchfield Jazz Camp and the Aebersold Summer Jazz Workshop.

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Leader Discography

<i>The Chaser</i>	Mel Bay	2006
<i>Big City</i>	Mel Bay	2005
<i>Live at the Jazz Standard</i>	Zoho	2005
<i>The Stryker / Slagle Band</i>	Khaeon	2002
<i>Blue to the Bone III</i>	SteepleChase	2001
<i>Shades Beyond</i>	SteepleChase	2001
<i>Changing Times</i>	SteepleChase	1999
<i>Shades of Miles</i>	SteepleChase	1998
<i>Blue to the Bone II</i>	SteepleChase	1998
<i>All the Way</i>	SteepleChase	1997
<i>Big Room</i>	SteepleChase	1996
<i>Blue to the Bone</i>	SteepleChase	1996
<i>Nomad</i>	SteepleChase	1994
<i>Stardust</i>	SteepleChase	1994
<i>Full Moon</i>	SteepleChase	1993
<i>Blue Degrees</i>	SteepleChase	1992
<i>Passage</i>	SteepleChase	1991
<i>Strikezone</i>	SteepleChase	1990
<i>First Strike</i>	Someday	1988