

QED... *a jazz ensemble*



QED* is a new metro area Jazz ensemble. At our core we are a trio composed of a seasoned NJ musicians who support their musical habits with day jobs infused with computers and numbers. This connection to the technical provides a rhythmic and harmonic pulse throughout our renderings of jazz from different eras.

Each of us has played professionally for years in a variety of settings, ranging from small combos to big bands, in venues from private parties, and clubs, to dances, shows and concerts. Our music reflects a wide range of styles, from swing to straight ahead jazz, sultry latin and bossa nova, to funk and contemporary sounds.

We often appear with a variety of guest instrumentalists, including guitar, saxophone, trumpet, vibraphone, and clarinet. Please visit our website where you can see and hear us, and find out where we are next appearing:

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* **QED** (Latin "*quod erat demonstrandum*") is written at the end of mathematical proofs to signify completeness. Literally, it means "that which was to be proved or demonstrated".

QED - Who We Are ...

Ed Warner (piano/keys) - Born and bred in Newark, NJ, began study of classical and popular jazz music at 8 years of age. As a teen he was strongly influenced by bands of the era (Doors, BS&T, Chicago, Rascals) and played organ in rock ensembles throughout high school. Ed's diverse projects expanded in college to include a folk/prog-rock ensemble, popular blues/rock/jam bands, and many wedding/society bands. Evolving interests while pursuing an MS in Biostatistics led to earnest self study, with styles drawn from strong and diverse influences such as Herbie Hancock and Chick Corea, Bill Evans and Oscar Petersen, Donald Fagan and Steely Dan, Joni Mitchell and Pat Metheny. Over the past fifteen years, Ed's musical projects have included private parties/cocktail hours in solo, duo and trio formats, big band, pit bands for local theater, and jazz jam sessions. Ed lives in Westfield NJ with his wife and two sons

Alex Duque (bass) - Born in Chile, but raised in NJ, Alex began his musical career playing trumpet in various school bands. After dabbling in classical guitar and piano, he taught himself to play electric bass after a long infatuation with the prominent bass lines in the music of Yes, Rush, The Who and others. While pursuing BS and MS degrees in Electrical Engineering, Alex developed a taste for Jazz, playing in several different ensembles. It was at this time that he was inspired by the revolutionary playing of Jaco Pastorius to pick up the fretless bass. Several years later after a long stint in a Jazz Quartet came to an end, he decided to venture into the world of upright bass, studying with Greg Cohen. Over the past ten years, his abilities on different instruments and familiarity with different genres has led to a variety of steady gigs ranging anywhere from intimate Jazz trios to pit orchestras and Big Bands. Alex lives in Hillsborough, NJ with his wife and two daughters.

Mitch Germansky (drums/percussion) - At age six Mitch started studying drums with his dad, Al, a well-known professional drummer and teacher. Focused on classical percussion, jazz, and rock he played with many bands during his K-12 years. As a young teen he started teaching drums and playing professionally while also performing with the NJ All-State High School Band and Orchestra, and the first NJ All-State College Jazz Band. Mitch pursued a BA in Math and MS in Computer Science and embarked on his journey as a computer scientist in the 70s. During the past 30 years Mitch has enjoyed computers, teaching, and drumming in diverse musical settings including jazz, rock, classical, shows, dance bands, club dates, and his newest foray into Scottish pipes & drums. He lives in Berkeley Heights, NJ with his wife, two children, and Frieda, the white whippet.