

ROBERT KENNEDY

Robert Kennedy was born and raised in the American South and has lived and worked in the San Francisco bay area since 1988. He played piano in the Stanford University Jazz Band and studied jazz piano with the great jazz pianist, band director, and educator Bill Bell.

Robert was a founding member of the Hip Pocket Jazz Quintet and Double Funk Crunch, and has shared San Francisco stages such as Yoshi's, the Boom Boom Room, and the SFJAZZ Miner Auditorium with renowned players such as Nancy Wright, Calvin Keys, Will Weston, Terrence Brewer, and many more, playing jazz, blues, R&B, and rock and roll.

Among his many inspirations Robert counts the playing of Jack McDuff, Billy Childs, Larry Goldings, Herbie Hancock, and Tony Monaco. His influences are clearly heard in his textural ideas and swinging feels.

Kennedy's style melds a firm grasp of the history of organ jazz with a forward-thinking sound of today.





Big Shoes is Robert Kennedy's first release as a leader of a jazz trio in the classic organ / guitar / drum format. With Kennedy's original compositions as vehicles for improvisation and trio interplay, the album features Mason Razavi on guitar and Cody Rhodes on drums as well as Kennedy on Hammond B-3 organ. The music here is centered in straight-ahead jazz, and ranges from the bossa nova of the opening track "Long Strides" to the ballad / samba of "Never Speak Your Name" to the modern-jazz duo number between Kennedy and Rhodes "Lambadame." Along the way the trio visits bebop numbers "Upper Market" and "Love and Youth and Spring," slow and soulful "Radio Blues," the jazz waltz, "Pleasant Company Expected," the New-Orleans flavored title track "Big Shoes," and the funky "Root Bound." In the driver's seat at the Hammond organ, Kennedy is inspired by a deep feeling of musical freedom and responsibility, and the album's title **Big Shoes** is his celebration of that feeling.

Robert Kennedy - Hammond B-3 Organ
Mason Razavi (rah-ZAH-vee) - Guitar
Cody Rhodes - Drums

1. Long Strides 5:40
2. Pleasant Company Expected 7:03
3. Root Bound 6:24
4. Radio Blues 6:17
5. Upper Market 4:59
6. Big Shoes 6:27
7. Never Speak Your Name 6:31
8. Love and Youth and Spring 6:10
9. Lambadame 7:13

Artist: Robert Kennedy Trio
CD Title: Big Shoes
Label: Self-Released
Add Date: March 23, 2015
Street Date: March 24, 2015
Websites: www.robertkennedymusic.com
Available at all fine retailers



Press and Radio Contact:



706.993.2223
kari@karigaffney.com
www.karigaffney.com

One sheet by:



MODISH
Creative Group