



# Erich Cawalla

SINGER ◦ SAXOPHONIST ◦ RECORDING ARTIST ◦ EDUCATOR

## A MESSAGE FROM ERICH...



"I knew at an early age music was for ME. I didn't pick up a saxophone until age 14 and it is only then that I started to "come out of my shell", per say. I was very shy growing up, even hiding behind my mother Betty at an early age (most people now wouldn't believe that!) but music allowed me to express myself in ways I was never able to up until I heard crowds cheering for me. I then realized the impact that music could make on other people and I have always strived to make others happy, no matter who is in the audience. As a side man, while watching other bandleaders, I realized the importance of breaking down the barrier between the audience and the musical act. I wholeheartedly remembered this once I became a bandleader and solo artist. By personalizing it to even one particular member of the audience, I realized my calling - not only to play music but to engage in the art of ENTERTAINING and that is my biggest and most fulfilling mission on this earth - to make others happy and for at least 60 - 90 minutes of my show, to allow the audience to forget their woes, sorrows, and worries. Besides a demanding performing schedule, I am involved in many other endeavors - most importantly, as an educator to today's youth. Because of realizing the importance that my teachers had on my musical

background, I have privately taught saxophone, flute, clarinet, and voice for over 20 years. Some of my students have achieved the highest possible school honors including All-Eastern, All-State, Regional, District, and County Bands. To this day, my teaching really has become full-circle as many of my ex-students are now full-time music teachers themselves or are currently involved in college music programs. This is an utmost compliment for me. I also graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA in Accounting from Shippensburg University, I own Anjoli Productions, a full-service talent and production agency based in my home state of Pennsylvania, and am a lifelong Philadelphia sports fan!



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## ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION

- First Full-Length Album featuring original arrangements of The Great American Songbook and one original song currently in production and to be released in March 2020. It will feature a 17-piece Big Band with some of the US's most notable instrumentalists including legendary Grammy-Winning Trumpeter Randy Brecker, legendary Percussionist Leonard "Doc" Gibbs, Drummer Marko Marcinko, Pianist Steve Rudolph, with Saxophonists Andrew Neu and Larry McKenna.
- First Solo Contemporary Jazz Song "222 South" released in 2017 and peaked at #41 on the Nationally Syndicated Radio Show, "The Smooth Jazz Network's Weekly Top 50".
- Lead Vocalist/Saxophonist/Bandleader of The Uptown Band since 2005.
- Sideman in the bands of Marie Osmond, The Skyliners, Bill Haley's Comets, The Coasters, Marty Haggard and The Earls.
- Opened for Jeff Dunham, Martha and the Vandellas, Gene Chandler, The Happenings, Sonny Turner's Platters and Harold Melvin's Blue Notes.
- Original songs with The Uptown Band have charted on numerous National Contemporary Jazz Radio Charts including as high as #27 in USA Today and #9 on the Groove Jazz Radio Chart.
- Performed on recording of The Uptown Band with Legendary Artists Will Lee, Greg Adams and Doc Gibbs.
- Performed at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Walt Disney World, and Carnegie Hall as a Senior in High School.
- Member of the National Recording Academy and Grammy Voting Member.
- As Leader/Member of The Uptown Band - Original Song "Waiting for Her" received airplay on Music Choice National Cable TV, original song "SJ3" peaked at #9 on Groove Jazz Music Chart, and cover of Maxi Priest's "Close to You" peaked at #27 on USA Today's Contemporary Jazz Chart.
- Writer and Featured Artist on "BJF25" performing alongside Rick Braun, Chuck Loeb, Brian Bromberg, Curtis Harmon from Pieces of a Dream, and Bennie Sims. "BJF25" celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Boscov's Berks Jazz Festival in Erich's hometown of Reading, PA.

## HUMANITIES INVOLVEMENT

- Performances at numerous American Cancer Society Walks, The United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, The American Red Cross, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Laney's Legacy of Hope. Erich volunteers as the Vice-President with the Greater Governor Mifflin League Community Days.





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## THE NOD

“Erich has all the tools to be successful in the music business - talent, personality, dedication, and organization. To a presenter, that is a winning combination. Erich always delivers a solid performance for the audience.”

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***Erich Cawalla performs The Great American Songbook***  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cq4VauR7WZs>

***National Radio Release "Ooo Baby Baby"***  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDCZildX2aI>

***"222 South" by Erich Cawalla***  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xndTY-BZgZs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xndTY-BZgZs)