



MYK FREEDMAN

Lap Steel Player ● Guitarist ● Composer ● Teacher

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EDUCATION

The New School, NYC, BFA in Jazz Performance from the Jazz and Contemporary Music Program, 2006

Studied improvisation with William Parker, NYC, 2005

Studied composition with Mark Dresser, NYC, 2004

York University, Toronto, Studied jazz, 2000 – 2004

IN THE MEDIA

NPR feature highlighting cross-cultural chamber music with Sandcatchers on New Sounds, 2017

NPR Live broadcast with Bing and Ruth at Le Poisson Rouge in NYC, 2015

WFMU live broadcast with Sandcatchers, 2017

WFMU, Myk Freedman and the Myk Freedmans regularly featured on Bob Brainen, 2017

Paste, Live performance and interview with Sandcatchers, 2017

GRANTS

Canada Council for the Arts grant awarded to record Saint Dirt Elementary School's album Abandoned Ballroom, 2010

Canada Council for the Arts grant awarded to record Saint Dirt Elementary School's Ice Cream Man Dreams, 2008

RECORDINGS AS A LEADER

- **Myk Freedman and the Mykfreedmans** – self titled – Happylucky no.1 records, 2017
- **Myk Freedman Solo** – Myk Freedman Plays Saint Dirt – North York Folk Music Records, 2015
- **Saint Dirt Elementary School** – Abandoned Ballroom– Barnyard Records, 2011
- **Saint Dirt Elementary School** – Ice Cream Man Dream, Barnyard Records, 2009
- **Myk Freedman and Alan Sondheim** – Julu Twine, Porter Records, 2009
- **Saint Dirt Elementary School** – Fall (in love) By April, Rat–drifting Records, 2005
- **Saint Dirt Elementary School** – Hanging Out with the Kid Who'd Eat Anything for a Dollar, Oval Window Records, 2003
- **Saint Dirt Elementary School** – Saint Dirt Elementary School, independent, 2001

RECORDINGS AS A PERFORMER

- **Sandcatchers** – What We Found Along the Way featuring Eric Friedlander, Chant Records, 2017
- **Myk Freedman and Justin Haynes** – Lead and Glide, Independent, 2017
- **Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble** – Nigunim Vol. VI: By the Waters of Babylon, Hadar, 2017
- **Greg Heffernan, Myk Freedman and Faith Harding** – Norwood Suite Soundtrack, Independent, 2017
- **Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble** – Nigunim Vol. V: Songs From the City of Brotherly Love, Hadar, 2016
- **Woodshed Orchestra** – Guestbook, Independent, 2015
- **Bing and Ruth** – City Lake (reissue), RVNG. Intl, 2015
- **Joey Weisenberg** – Joey's Nigunim Vol. IV, Brooklyn Spirituals, Hadar, 2015
- **Kenny Warren and Laila and Smitty** – Vol 2, Pretty Polymorpheus, 2015
- **Kenny Warren and Laila and Smitty** – Laila and Smitty, Pretty Polymorpheus, 2014
- **Justin Haynes** – Happy Birthday by You and Me and Stephen, Independent, 2014
- **Joey Weisenberg** – Joey's Nigunim Vol. III, Hadar, 2013
- **Joey Weisenberg** – Joey's Nigunim Vol. II: Transformation of a Nigun, Hadar, 2012
- **Benjy Fox Rosen** – Tick Tock, independent, 2011
- **Hugh Oliver** – Melologues, Noodilly Noodilly Wow Records, 2010
- **Bing and Ruth** – City Lake, Happy Talk, 2010
- **Cosmo D's Sauce** – Recardo, Move, Smooth Moose, 2009
- **Barnyard Drama** – Christmas Singing Volume 6, Barnyard Records, 2009
- **Avi Fox Rosen** – One, Frosenox, 2008
- **Amazing Frozen String Quartet** – Amazing Frozen String Quartet, Frosenox, 2008
- **Cosmo D's Sauce** – Sauce, independent, 2007
- **Aaron Berg and the Heavy Love** – Songs For Madame X, independent, 2007
- **Sam Howard Band** – Out Tonight, independent, 2007
- **Bing and Ruth** – Kentile Floors, independent, 2007
- **Alex Lukashevsky** – Connexions, North East Indie, 2006
- **Bing and Ruth** – Bing and Ruth, independent, 2006
- **MK Groove Orchestra** – Greatest Hits, independent, 2006
- **Selina Martin** – Life Drawing Without Instruction, Selma, 2005
- **Ronlee Tepper** – Cornered in the Alley, independent, 2004
- **Michelle Rasky** – Your Love's Like Spring, independent, 2004

RECORDINGS AS A COMPOSER

- **Martin, Haynes and Driver** – Freedman at the Western Front, Barnyard Records, 2009
- **Martin and Haynes** – FREEDMAN, Barnyard Records, 2008

PERFORMANCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Perform extensively throughout Toronto and NYC as a leader and sideman, 2010–present
- **American University**, Taught Masterclass on musical practice pedagogy, 2017
- **DC Jewish Music Festival**, Performed with Sandcatchers, 2017
- **Guelph Music Festival**, Performed with Sandcatchers, 2017
- **Music Gallery**, Toronto, Celebrated 15 years of Saint Dirt Elementary School with a concert and artist talk, 2017
- **Ashkenaz Festival**, Toronto, Performed with Sandcatchers, 2016
- Toured in Germany solo, 2015
- **Toronto Fringe Festival**, Musical Director for A Good Place to Put a Factory, 2009
- **The Stone**, NYC, Performed with John Zorn, Eric Friedlander, and Eliot Sharp, NYC, 2008
- Toured New York State with Sauce, 2007
- **Wordless Music Series**, Performed with Bing and Ruth, NYC, 2007
- **Williamsburg Jazz Festival**, NYC, Performed with Sauce, 2007
- **Barbes**, Brooklyn, Performed with Saint Dirt Elementary School, NYC, 2007
- **The Blue Note Jazz Club**, NYC, Performed a series with the MK Groove Orchestra, 2007
- **Williamsburg Jazz Festival**, NYC, Performed with MK Groove Orchestra, 2007
- **The Knitting Factory**, NYC, Performed with Saint Dirt Elementary School, 2006
- **The Stone**, NYC, Performed with William Parker, 2006
- **Distillery Jazz Festival**, Toronto, Performed with Don Rooke and Saint Dirt Elementary School and was nominated for the Emerging Artist award, 2004
- **Gobsnacked Festival**, Toronto, Performed with Saint Dirt Elementary School, 2003
- **Tranzac Club**, Toronto, Performed with Saint Dirt Elementary School, every Thursday in 2002

GROUPS THAT FEATURE MY MUSIC

- Laila and Smitty (NYC)
- Saint Dirt Elementary School (Toronto)
- MK Groove Orchestra (NYC)
- In a China Shop (NYC)
- Whistle Sound Band (NYC)
- The Suit (NYC)
- Jean Rohe Band (NYC)
- Bebop Trio (NYC)
- Amazing Frozen String Quartet (NYC)
- Mighty Gill Show (Toronto)
- Public Saxophone (Toronto)
- Myk Freedman Cover Band, which Myk Freedman is not a part of (Toronto)
- Martin and Haynes (Toronto)
- Martin, Haynes and Driver (Toronto)
- Quartet quartet (Toronto)
- Rich Mic Dialog (Toronto)

PUBLICATIONS

- **Saint Dirt Elementary School Songbook II**, containing 65 original compositions, 2010
- **Saint Dirt Elementary School Songbook I**, containing 65 original compositions, 2005