Rainbow Seeker

Joe Sample (b. 1939)

As a founding member of the Jazz Crusaders, later to be known as The Crusaders, Joe Sample has been a pillar in the soul jazz arena for almost 50 years. The song Rainbow Seeker can be found on his 1978 sophomore release of the same name.

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All songs arranged by John K. Servo

Blarney Stoned
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Alan Hawkshaw (b. 1944)

Blarney Stoned has written the music for more than 35 films and countless television shows in England. The 8-bar blues "Blarney Stoned" was written as the theme song for the stand-up/sketch comedy show Dave Allen @ Large, which aired from 1971-79. I was first introduced to this show as a child, as it was in syndication on late night public television in the 1980s & early 90s.

Trinkle Tinkle
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Thelonious Monk (1917-1982)

I was reintroduced to this fantastic tune over the summer during the Rochester Jazzfest while attending a performance by English saxophonist Tony Kofi and his Quartet. The Sax Soli in this arrangement is based on Monks solo on the 1952 Prestige recording session.

Contusion
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Stevie Wonder (b. 1950)

Originally released as part of the 1976 on the album, "Song In The Key Of Life", Contusion is one of the rare, purely instrumental tunes from Stevie Wonder. Even more interesting, it was a guitar feature, featuring the talented Mike Sembello.

High Enough
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Damn Yankees (b. 1989-1993)

For a brief time in the early ’90s, the Supergroup Damn Yankees enjoyed a considerable amount of success on the arena rock circuit. Comprised of guitarist Ted Nugent, Styx’s Tommy Shaw, Night Ranger’s Jack Blades, and drummer Michael Cartellone, Damn Yankees arrived during the final moments of pop-metal’s heyday.

Magilla
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Page McConnell (b. 1963)

Page McConnell is one of the founding members of the Vermont based Jam Band Phish. Phish was a very influential band for me during my high school years. I “went on tour” with the band in the summers of 1998 and 1999, attending concerts all across the Eastern United States. In the summer of 1999 I realized that I wanted to make performing and writing music my life, rather than just watching others do so.

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