

MIKE PRIGODICH

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Melz/Prigodich/Erskine Group (MPEG) with Reinhardt Melz & Damian Erskine
Original Jazz Fusion in the tradition of Chick Corea, Yellowjackets, Brecker Brothers, Hiromi, etc.



about

Mike's jazz fusion compositions have begun attracting attention from many well-known national and local artists. Becoming a cancer patient in 2008 was the big wake-up call that got him to start writing lots of new music, form a band, start booking gigs, and pursue his dream of becoming a professional jazz musician, inspired by fellow cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. Mike raised over \$10,000 on kickstarter.com in 2010 to fund his first studio album "A Stitch In Time" featuring Damian Erskine, Reinhardt Melz, John Nastos, Brandon Woody, Rafael Trujillo, Patrick Lamb, Tim Jensen, and Paul Mazzio, produced by Emmy award-winning David Mathew. This studio album and band is also being featured on the Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) Oregon Art Beat television show. Mike currently resides in Portland, Oregon and enjoys playing with some of the finest musicians in town who are up to the task of performing his extremely challenging but accessible compositions.

what people are saying

"I knew this guy was up to something; what a great disc! Beautifully written and played with passion and intensity by an excellent band. This is one of those CDs that you want to hear again as soon as it's finished. Bravo Mike!"

-- **George Whitty** (keyboards, film composer)

"Watch out for this guy! Mike is terribly brave, adventurous, playful, and adept. As his compositions and playing demonstrate, Mr. Prigodich is a rising talent following his creative muse fearlessly to wherever it takes him."

-- **David Goldblatt** (keyboards, film composer)

"I definitely hear a Chick influence in your playing and writing. I'm flattered that you cite me as an influence."

-- **Andy Milne** (piano, keyboards, Dapp Theory)

"You guys are truly an amazing group of musicians! I'd highly recommend to anyone interested in hearing some incredible jazz to check you out. You won't be disappointed! Hope to see you again and soon!"

-- **Steve Hall** (mastering engineer @ Future Disc)

"Very cool Mike!! Love the bridge and the keyboard solo. You can definitely play!!"

-- **Steve Porcaro** (keyboards -- Toto, Michael Jackson, grammy winner)

"Hey Mike, sounds great!"

-- **Steve Weingart** (keyboards -- Dave Weckl, Steve Lukather)

"Nice stuff, man!"

-- **Nicholas Payton** (trumpet)