



# Joshua C. Harris

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## Bio

As a multi-reeds instrumentalist Josh Harris has played saxophone and flute with a wide range of artists. Some of his credits include world tours with Whitney Houston as her soloist, the American Idol show at CBS studios Los Angeles, Branford and Wynton Marsalis at Symphony Space NYC, the Temptations, comedian Don Rickles at the Canyon Club in Los Angeles and Wayne Henderson, trombonist and founding member of the Crusaders.

## Instruments

Tenor, alto and soprano saxophones, flute, clarinet and voice.

## Education

Master (Contemporary Performance)	Candidate 2018, Berklee College of Music Graduate program Valencia, Spain.
Bachelor of Arts (Jazz Performance Major)	1982 Rutgers State University, New Brunswick, NJ.

## Early training and education

1966 - 1976

Private instruction with Broadway musician Murry Rose – saxophone, flute, clarinet and bassoon.

## Private Teachers

1976 - 1982

- Saxophone: Paul Jeffrey, Joe Allard, Bob Berg, George Coleman, Johnny Griffin.
- Classical Flute: James Scott
- Jazz Flute: Lloyd McNeil
- Latin Jazz Flute: Art Webb
- Clarinet: Frank Perowsky

## Master Classes

Sonny Stitt, Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ  
James Moody, Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ  
Jimmy Heath, Jazz Mobile Harlem, NY  
Johnny Griffin, Summer Jazz Workshop Sandy Hook, NJ

## Teaching Experience

*(general focus in my teaching has been private instruction)*

Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY	2005 - 2009
Hackley School Tarrytown, NY	2003 - 2005
Rockland Country Day School, Congers, NY	2005 - 2007
Mary Mount College, Tarrytown, NY	2003
Master classes, Culturama Arts and Music Stockholm, Sweden	1996
Bank Street College for Children, 112 <sup>th</sup> Street NY, NY	1985

## Professional Performance Experience

*(Live performances on stages, in theatres and clubs)*

Contemporary Artists and Tours 1983 - Present

- Whitney Houston, Jennifer Holiday, Mary Wilson, Martha Reeves, Freddie Jackson.

### Jazz Artists and Tours

- Wynton & Branford Marsalis, George Coleman, Jimmy Cobb
- Matt "Guitar" Murphy, Wayne Henderson, Roy Gaines Jr., Al Williams
- Barbara Morrison, Eastern Jazz Quintet, La Bamba Big Band
- Southside Johnny, Gary U.S. Bonds

Broadway and Off - Broadway Shows 1983 - Present

- The Full Monty, Harlem Nocturne, Three Penny Opera, Westside Story, Hoboken to Hollywood.

European Artists and Tours 1995 - 2001

- Jan Tolf Band, Fasching Jazz Club, Stockholm, Sweden
- Papa Dee, Stockholm Water Festival
- Latricia McNeal, Virgin Records
- Gordon Cyrus
- Tommy Nilsson

### TV Shows – U.S.

American Idol, CBS Studios, Los Angeles	2010
Coca Cola, TV commercial soprano sax solo, A&R studios NYC)	1991
The Guiding Light, Clinton Studios NYC, Proctor and Gamble	1990
The Geraldo Show, Horizon Sound, Brooklyn, NY	1990
Black History Month Series, Rob Khan Studios, NYC - The History Channel	1985

## Film

<i>The Little Red Package</i>	Luv Music, Stockholm, Sweden	1999
<i>Bed in The Leaves</i>	Archer Films, NYC	1992
<i>The Money Juggler</i>	Archer Films, NYC	1991

## Festivals

• Umbria Jazz Festival		1984
• Kool Jazz Festival		1983
• Stockholm Water Festival		1998
• Oslo Film Festival, Nordisk Films		1998
• Stockholm Film Festival		1999

## **Recording Experience**

### Albums – U.S.

• American Idol Band	Capitol Records	2010
• Bob Marley Remixed	Asphalt Jungle	2008 - 2009
• Cat Guthrie, <i>A Day in The Life</i>	Amazon	2008
• Cool Water Slow	Independent	2007
• Turn It Up & Lay It Down	Educational	2006
• The Cover Girls	Sony/Epic	1990
• John Catler Micro Tonal Sessions	Electric Lady	1985

### Albums – Stockholm

• Bjorn J:Son Lindh, <i>In The Air</i>	LCM/BMG,	2000
• Staff Artist Multi-Reeds	Chimney Pot Studios	2000
• Addis Black Widow	EMI Records	1998 - 1999
• Mega Records, <i>Bus 75</i>	EMI Records	1999
• China Bridgewater, <i>China</i>	Source Records (Paris)	1999
• Kabsay, <i>Coz I'm Kabsay</i>	Stockholm Records	1998
• Rhythm Avenue	Scandinavian Songs	1996
• Rebirth of the Cool, <i>Street Player</i>	Power FX	1996
• Stonefunker Material, <i>Individuality</i>	Sonet Grammafön	1995

## **Performance Highlights**

American Idol Band	CBS Studios, Los Angeles	2010
The State House	Nobel Prize Awards, Stockholm	2000
Whitney Houston	Moment of Truth World Tour	1987 - 1988
Whitney Houston	Greatest Love World Tour	1986 - 1987
Thelonious Monk's Funeral	Saint Peter's Church, NYC	1983

## **Affiliations**

AFL – CIO Musicians Union 1982 - Present

- Two-year contract, EMI Publishing, Scandinavia
- New York Musicians Union: Local 802
- Los Angeles Musicians Union: Local 47
- BMI

## **Additional Skills**

- Composing and arranging for horns
- Logic Pro

**References** – *Upon Request*