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Gabriel was born and raised in Denver, Colorado, but followed his muse to the 'wetcoast' of Vancouver, Canada, where he has been based until his explosion on the World Stage. His dozen or so albums have withstood the test of time, and steadily built up his body of work, finally drawing the broader worldwide attention he deserves. He has toured the world (Montreux, North Sea, UK, Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Mexico) and continues to develop his fanbase through live appearances, extensive radio and TV exposure, and the steadfast and devoted internet networking of his many acolytes.

2012 ushered in Gabriel's latest tour de force 'Kissed By The Sun', the follow up to his 2010 home run 'Told Ya So', which spawned three singles and numerous awards. 'Kissed By The Sun' is co-produced with, and features Jeff Lorber, as well as a plethora of stellar guests such as Chuck Loeb, Brian Bromberg, Rob Tardik, Walle Larsson, and Rock Hendricks. The first week it was released, the featured single 'Starpixie' jumped right on the 'most added' charts, and continued its rapid rise up the playlists. The album 'Kissed By The Sun' reached #8 on the Smooth Jazz Top 50 Album Charts, and Starpixie reached #15 on the Billboard Singles Charts. The second single 'Lock It Up' reached #13 on Billboard, and the third - Ready When You Are- has also hit that chart!

Although he has had notable straight ahead jazz successes, including a languorous eight week run on the Jazz Week Mainstream charts, Gabriel prefers the more rhythmically succinct domain of contemporary jazz. "I like the variety of color and texture that Contemporary Jazz Smooth Jazz if you must has to offer, because it is definitely music for your heart, head, as well as feet", Gabriel was quoted as saying in a recent TV interview. The improvisational content of Gabriel's playing is rich but concise, drawing from the Blue Mitchell/ Donald Byrd canon; his style is highly listenable to music aficionados of all stripes, even the 'jazz untrained' ear.

Gabriel is the recipient of a JUNO Award (Canadian equivalent of a Grammy), two JUNO/Technics 'All Star Band' Awards, a West Coast Music Award, a Jazz In The Park 'Best Instrumental Performance' Award, an Ampex Golden Reel Award, and several gold and platinum albums to his credit (with his earlier group Powder Blues and others). 2011 saw Gabriel win both the prestigious 'Album of the Year' and 'Instrumentalist of the Year' honors at the Canadian Smooth Jazz Awards for his album 'Told Ya So', which featured luminaries such as Paul Brown, Marc Antoine, Miles Black, Amanda Wood, Rock Hendricks, Jeff Lorber, and Darren Rahn. He also cracked the Billboard Top 50 with the first single of three, 'Rockin' the Ribjoint'. Gabriel has recorded or performed with the likes of such varied artists as Michael Bublé (Gabriel performed with him extensively, recorded several albums with him, and produced the MB album 'Dream'), Bob James, Ernie Watts, Little Richard, Tom Scott, George Benson, John Denver, The O'Jays, Ben E King, Heart, John Lee Hooker, and Long John Baldry. Recent record collaborations include Paul Hardcastle, Bob Baldwin and Steve Oliver.

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