



# Pete Petersen

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Pete Petersen first became hooked on jazz music as a teenager in Boise, Idaho, when he heard pianist Gene Harris playing in a local club. Gene was playing in a bar that Pete was much too young to get in to legally at the time, so he would sit in the restaurant section and listen from behind the partition. Later in life, he cut his musical teeth in Denver, Colorado, earning a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, while going out at night to sit in with local jazz heavyweights like Keith Oxman, Ron Miles, and Stefan Karlsson. While in Colorado he was a member of groups that were selected to be finalists in the prestigious Hennessey™ Jazz Search competitions 2 years in a row. He was featured with the band Page IV backing up vocalist Kevin Mahogany on NPR's nationally syndicated JazzSet program. Since relocating to Portland, Oregon, in 1994, he has worked his way to the top of the city's percolating jazz scene. As a sideman, he has performed with a virtual "who's who" of jazz and swing notables from up and down the west coast, including Bay Area boogie-woogie legend Mitch Woods, swing diva Lily Wilde, and Grammy-nominated saxophone sensation Patrick Lamb. He is regularly called to play in horn sections for nationally touring groups that run the length and breadth of the stylistic spectrum, from Lynyrd Skynyrd to the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. He arranged and performed on a recording co-produced by Howard Crosby, the nephew of legendary crooner Bing Crosby. As a leader, his band Porkpie has hit the national stage, playing jazz and swing festivals in Chicago, Denver, Seattle, and beyond. He has also been featured as a solo performer at jazz festivals throughout the region. His latest CD release, entitled "Keep Your Hat On", is being distributed internationally on Pony Boy Records. Pete Petersen is a proud endorser of Audix™ Microphones and sound equipment.

## Selected Discography:

- Pete Petersen Quartet: Silver Lining [1997 Four Flavors Music]
- Stan Bock: Of Fathers and Sons [1998]
- Lily Wilde: Insect Ball [2000 Lil Tom Tom]
- Howard Crosby: Pennies From Heaven [2002 PanJanDrum]
- Porkpie: Hats Off [2004 Four Flavors Music]
- Pete Petersen & the Porkpie Septet: Keep Your Hat On [2008: Pony Boy Records]

## Press Reviews:

"Petersen's an accomplished player. He has a big, throaty tone and a blowzy, swashbuckling style with the conversational touch of old-time sax players." -- *Paul de Barros, Seattle Times*

"Get ready for some swinging, down the center of the groove, well-paced, scintillating straight ahead jazz and bop from a Portland cat who writes and plays in the best of the tradition. ...Every [tune] rings out with the joy of playing the real deal." -- *George Fendel, Jazz Society of Oregon*

"You and your band were the highlight of my weekend! I walked into that place and instantly felt at home. I can't wait to see you play again."

-- *Shel "Charlie Girl" Bailey, Marketing/Promotion director, 97.1 Charlie FM*

"Porkpie plays spirited, with enthusiasm and like they're having fun with it. Their "Hats Off" album is a must have in my collection."

-- *Tim "Java Man" Taylor, On-air Host, KMHD 89.1 FM the Jazz Station*

## Notable Past Performances:

### As Headliner/Bandleader

- Winter Park Jazz Festival** *Winter Park, CO*  
(1993, the Petersen/Barela Five)
- Cathedral Park Jazz Festival** *Portland, OR*  
(1997, the Pete Petersen Septet)
- Gene Harris Jazz Festival** *Boise, ID*  
(2007, Pete Petersen with the Frim Fram Four)
- Chicago Swing Music Festival**, *Chicago, IL*  
(2006, Porkpie Septet with Karen Maria Capo)
- Denver Lindy Exchange**, *Denver, CO*  
(2006, Porkpie Septet with Karen Maria Capo)
- Seattle Lindy Exchange** *Seattle, WA*  
(2004 with Porkpie, 1999 & 2000 with Lily Wilde)
- Concerts at Carnegie** series, *Oregon City, OR*  
(2006, Porkpie)
- Portland Lindy Exchange** *Portland, OR*  
(2002 w/ Lily Wilde, 2004 & 2006 w/ Porkpie)
- Jazz at The Bistro** *Boise ID*  
(2007 the Pete Petersen Quartet)
- Swing Camp 5280** *Denver CO*  
(2007 the Porkpie Septet)
- Krugers Farm Summer Concert Series** *Sauvie Island, OR*  
(2007 the Porkpie Septet feat. Ellen Whyte)

### As Sidemusician

- Telluride Jazz Celebration** *Telluride CO*  
(1994, w/ Kevin Mahogany & Jack Walrath)
- The Bite of Portland** *Portland OR*  
(1997 w/Soul Vaccination; 1999, 2000 & 2001 w/Lily Wilde; 2003 w/Johnny Martin; 2006 & 2007 w/Patrick Lamb)
- Waterfront Blues Festival** *Portland, OR*  
(1999 & 2000 with Lily Wilde)
- Swingout Northwest** *Port Townsend, WA*  
(2000 w/ Lily Wilde; 2006 w/ Solomon Douglas)
- Bumbershoot** *Seattle WA*  
(2001, with Lily Wilde)
- NW Festival of Wine and Jazz** *Walla Walla, WA*  
(2003, with Howard Crosby)
- Big Bamboo Ball** *Seattle WA*  
(2004, with Lily Wilde)
- The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra**  
(2005, various dates & locations)
- Memorial Coliseum** *Portland, OR*  
(2005, w/ Lynyrd Skynyrd)
- Mt Shasta Blues Festival** *Redding, CA*  
(2007, with Ellen Whyte)
- Portland Erotic Ball** *Portland, OR*  
(2007 with The Big Package)
- Mount Hood Jazz Festival** *Portland, OR*  
(2007, with Patrick Lamb)