

**Jeff Rehmet** is a Louisville, Kentucky based full-time musician performing primarily as a solo act as well as a pianist, keyboardist, vocalist, and arranger for various musical groups. His diverse list of musical influences includes such keyboardists as *Keith Emerson, Nat King Cole, Billy Joel, Billy Preston, Art Tatum, Elton John, Joey DeFrancesco, Donald Fagan, George Gershwin, Bruce Hornsby, Fats Waller, Rick Wakeman, Stevie Wonder, Ramsey Lewis, Jon Lord, and Beegie Adair*. What an eclectic assortment of piano and keyboard masters! In a way, Jeff's musical character is much like his musical influences in that his style reflects an open-minded diversity, an impressive variety of styles, and a lengthy repertoire exploring nearly all popular genres.

Watching him perform, it is evident that he loves what he does. You might also recognize elements of the jazz language, creative arranging, harmonic interest, and use of lively and syncopated rhythms inherent within his playing. Music can be both art and entertainment. Jeff appreciates can provide both aspects. He is a highly proficient player and singer focusing on the audience, keeping them in mind throughout and interacting with his listeners to provide accessible music, dialogue, interaction, and humor.

Jeff started taking piano lessons at age eight in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. At sixteen, Jeff joined his first band and later began to work as a professional musician in 1979. He continues to perform with groups and ensembles along with his solo performance schedule. In recent years, Jeff has sometimes provided live entertainment for over 300 gigs a year. He is a dependable and respected musician within the musical community keeping a busy schedule and covering a variety of musical events. He continues to be one of Louisville's most talented and working musicians.

Jeff earned both a Bachelor's ('95) and a Master's ('99) degree in music composition from the University of Louisville School of Music. He has received numerous awards both academically and professionally. Jeff was inducted into the Jeffersontown High School Hall of Fame in 2015, the school he attended in Louisville.

He has traveled extensively both across the U.S as well as playing abroad as far away as South Africa, England, Alaska, and Aruba. Notable groups that he has played with include Linkin' Bridge, The Impressions, Karen Lovely, The Monarchs, The Mystics, The Lexington (KY) Philharmonic, Love Jones, The Sultans, The Don Krekel Orchestra, and The Wulfe Brothers. As a solo entertainer, Jeff has appeared on WHAS11 "Great Day Live." twelve times. Jeff also played on the Governor's Derby Train (2012-2014) accompanying former governor Steve Beshear on two selections. Jeff can also be heard on dozens of regional artists recordings including CD releases from David Owen and The Billy Hanks Band.

Jeff has recently embarked on a new adventure as featured performer on riverboats in the United States. His bookings remain constant and he continues playing for many audiences.