

# Joe Strazz



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## ~~~~~Biography~~~~~

Joe “Strazz” Straczynski is a saxophone player who lives in the South Jersey/Philadelphia area. Primarily a tenor saxophonist, Joe is most at home with the various jazz styles but has also been heard playing classical, rockabilly, funk, bossa nova, rock, and soul when the time is right. He currently is a regular member of the Jersey-based group “Mesquite Honey” in addition to freelance work. He has been involved as a performer, composer, and arranger in several area groups over the past few years.

So what makes Joe stand out from other young saxophone players? Joe’s saxophones boast a mellow and warm sound, alluding to influences such as Stan Getz, Sonny Rollins, and his all-time favorite, Dexter Gordon. His improvisations focus on melodic development and exploration in a way that harkens back to the catchy style of the swing-era greats. Joe connects with audiences through his down-to-earth and laidback personality reflective of his musical style.

Joe is extremely flexible and able to work in a variety of groups that can be tailored to fit your needs. He has an extensive network of musicians who are more than willing to come and form duos, trios, and quartets in a variety of musical styles. He also has extensive experience as a studio musician and is available for all styles of live horn sections as well as recording sessions.



## ~~~~~Contact Information~~~~~

Joe currently manages his own business.

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