

## **D.D. Jackson - biography**

D.D. Jackson is an award-winning jazz pianist/composer whose work spans 12 CD's as leader or co-leader (including two for the major label RCA Victor/BMG) featuring almost entirely original material. His most recent CDs are *Serenity Song* (2006 Justin Time), *Suite for New York* (2003 Justin Time) (a meditation on the events of 9/11), and *Sigame*, a Latin-tinged work featuring drummer extraordinaire Dafnis Prieto. An alumnus of the prestigious Lehman Engel BMI Advanced Musical Theatre Workshop, Jackson's theatre work includes the opera *Trudeau: Long March/Shining Path* on the former Canadian Prime Minister and the musical-comedy "Depressed, Depressed" written with Chicago City Limits veteran Carl Kissin. Jackson performs all over the world with his groups and has also appeared and recorded with some of the most distinguished names in jazz including saxophonists David Murray and drummer Jack Dejohnette. He is also an accomplished classical pianist and recently released a recording of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* on Summit Records. Jackson also writes a regular column for *Downbeat* magazine entitled "Living Jazz" and maintains the related "D.D. Jackson Living Jazz Podcast". Jackson is also a member of the Manhattan Producers Alliance, an organization of active producers, engineers and composers writing for film & t.v., and he is currently writing music for a children's television show produced by Little Airplane for BBC Worldwide. For more on D.D., visit [ddjackson.com](http://ddjackson.com)

"An extraordinary pianist whose technical bravura is matched by a capacious hunger for adventure." - Gary Giddins, the Village Voice