# The ARTICULATE Jazz Musician

Mastering the Language of Jazz Caleb Chapman & Jeff Coffin

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Caleb's bands have been honored with 17 DownBeat Awards and featured at many of the world's most prestigious jazz festivals and venues. His program has twice received the Best of State Statue Award, marking the program as the top organization in Arts and Entertainment by surpassing every other professional music, arts, and film group in Utah for the honor. Since 2001, they have performed with over 200 guest artists, including Randy Brecker, Joe Lovano, Christian McBride, Esperanza Spalding, Peter Erskine, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Gordon Goodwin, Bob Berg, Wayne Bergeron, Dave Weckl, Nicholas Payton, Lenny Pickett, Ernie Watts, and Bob Mintzer, to name a few. Additionally, his bands have received heavy airplay on the Sirius XM "Real Jazz" Channel.

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# What's Up, What's Down?















