

Dave Stryker

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Whether you've heard guitarist Dave Stryker fronting his own group (with 37 CD's as a leader to date), or as a featured sideman with, Stanley Turrentine and Jack McDuff, you know why Gary Giddins in the *Village Voice* called him "*one of the most distinctive guitarists to come along in recent years.*"

Stryker with Strings Goes to the Movies is Dave's 2025 recording featuring him in front of a 30 piece studio orchestra. In 2024 *Groove Street* was Dave's #1 recording featuring Bob Mintzer and Stryker's working trio of Jared Gold on organ and McClenty Hunter on drums. The trio recently opened up for Steely Dan's 2002 summer tour.

Stryker has been on a roll the last several years with all the recordings (on his label Strikezone Records) reaching the Top 10 and 6 hitting #1 on *JazzWeek*. *Hot House* magazine awarded Dave the Best Guitarist Fans Decision for 2017. He was recently voted once again as one of the top Jazz Guitarists in the 2025 Downbeat Poll for the 15th time.

Stryker grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, moved to New York City in 1980, and joined organist Jack McDuff's group (1984-85). From 1986 to 1995, Stryker played and recorded with tenor saxophonist Stanley Turrentine. He has also performed with Freddie Hubbard, James Moody, Dizzy Gillespie, Jimmy Smith, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Jimmy Heath, Kevin Mahogany, Eliane Elias, Joe Lovano, Steve Slagle and many others.

Dave is Adjunct Professor of Jazz Guitar at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, William Paterson University and John J. Cali School of Music at Montclair State University. Dave's online teaching school is at www.artistworks.com. His book *Dave Stryker's Jazz Guitar Improvisation Method Vol III* is available on this website at www.davestryker.com.