

BENN CLATWORTHY



"A Master Player." **LA Weekly**
"Astounds everyone." **London Observer**
"Sublime." **Jazz Times**
"Brilliant." **London Evening Standard**

Born in Hastings, England in 1955, Benn Clatworthy grew up in London. Active in the London music scene during the 1970's, he moved to Los Angeles in 1980 where he studied saxophone, flute, and clarinet with Phil Sobel.

A fixture in Los Angeles area clubs since the 1980's, Benn was originally heavily influenced by late 1950's John Coltrane, but would soften his tone and sometimes sound a little like Warne Marsh with touches of Sonny Rollins.

In the late 80's he was recommended for Horace Silver's band; Horace in turn recommended Benn to Discovery Records resulting in his first CD release as a leader "Thanks Horace".

Clatworthy has performed with: Jimmy Cleveland, The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Billy Higgins, Otmaro Ruiz, Cab Calloway, Donald "Duck" Bailey, The Temptations, Alex Acuna, Larry Gales, Cedar Walton, Bobby Shew, Roy McCurdy, The Platters, Ernie Andrews, Francisco Aguabella, Tony Inzalaco, Albert "Tootie" Heath, Pete Christlieb, Jimmy Branly, Cecilia Coleman, The Coasters, The Mills Brothers, Ray Armando, Cyndi Lauper, Henry "The Skipper" Franklin, Lawrence Marable, John Heard, Martin Drew, Art Hillary, Donald Dean, Johnny Hammond Smith, Frank Strazzeri, John Beasley, Kei Agagi, Joey Sellers, Horace Silver, and many others.

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