



## Danny Pickering

He pioneered jazz rock fusion with his own band in the early seventies, played Madison Square Garden and Carnegie Hall with Vicki Sue Robinson, and hung out with Miles...but long before that, Danny was born into a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Vaudeville family and had his first taste of performing at age 4, singing and playing drums on television in the Pickering Family show. At 7 he began playing trumpet and by age 12 had his own jazz trio and a weekly live radio show in Elmira, NY, his hometown. He studied classical trumpet and added flute, guitar and keyboards by the time he was in college where his group opened for The Animals and Mitch Ryder. His first production deal was with 5 Arts, owned by 3 young titans, Tommy Mottola, Neil Diamond and Al Kooper.

Danny Pickering is a Multi-Instrumentalist, Performing Artist, Composer and Producer. Danny's much anticipated CD "The NEW Files" (2015) features him on Flugelhorn, and Alto Flute. The album also includes appearances by jazz stars, Marion Meadows, and South American phenomenal guitarist, Beledo, and vocals by his incredible wife, multi-platinum singer/songwriter Janice Dempsey, who co-produced the CD with Danny. The NEW Files is a refreshing, extremely musical and original mix of jazz, funk, smooth jazz and culminates in a tribute to his musical guru, a 3 part suite titled "Thanks Miles". The first single "No Ordinary Love (Featuring Theory) is a haunting new arrangement of the Sade classic with emerging hip hop artist, Theory contributing a sultry rap that gives the song a fresh new meaning. In 2013, 2 songs co-written and co-produced by Janice and Danny, "What If" and "I'll Love You" were released as singles on the Andre Ward CD, "Caution" which reached #1 on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Charts. Later that same year, the team produced several songs for Tony Award winner, Melba Moore.

Over the course of a well influenced career he has worked with some of legends of contemporary jazz, including, Jimmy Cobb, The Brecker Brothers, Dave Sanborn, Miroslav Vitous, Larry Coryell, Greg Howe, Marion Meadows, Brian Keane, Chris and Danny Brubeck, Roddy Morgenstein, Dave Weckl, Bernard Purdy, Alphonse Mouzon, Bernard Jackson, and The Average White Band. A prolific composer, Danny also has an Emmy for Composing (HBO's Legendary Nights), two Cable Ace Awards ("The Way West" and "Spirit of the Games" both HBO), and has produced over 50 albums.