



GALEN ABDUR-RAZZAQ

WORLD RENOWNED FLAUTIST/LECTURER



Galen is an extraordinary flautist with an extensive performance career. He is also a riveting speaker on the topic of jazz, and has performed at colleges and universities for over thirty years. A former educator, he holds a Master's Degree from Rutgers University, New Jersey in Education and Performing Arts, and studied music at Berklee School of Music in Boston. Embracing his love of music and desire to continue educating, he offers an engaging and enjoyable path to music appreciation through his music program comprised of music performances and lectures--PowerPoint presentations and handouts. The program is designed specifically with a focus on the history of jazz chronicling the music from the turn of the century to present day; women in jazz highlighting the influence they had on the evolution of jazz and their significant contributions to the art form--jazz; and, lessons on music theory. The aim is to provide students with an understanding and appreciation of jazz and its historical significance—a true American Heritage. In addition to performances and lectures, Galen offers music for special events, poetry slams, workshops, rap sessions, and master classes. Note, most shows include a music trivia and **PRIZES**.

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

GALEN ABDUR-RAZZAQ, FLUTIST/LECTURER

Big--like the rich powerful sound of a saxophone, beautiful, smooth, melodic, passionate and sensational is how fans describe his music. Galen's sound can absorb and transforms an audience like few artists can. Born in New Jersey, Galen was given his first flute at the age of ten and has been playing ever since.

He studied at the Berklee College of Music and holds a master's degree in fine arts and education from Rutgers University. He has performed both internationally and domestically for over 30 years. A recording artist, composer, arranger, and educator, his performance portfolio includes such greats as Billy Taylor, Sonny Phillips, Gwen Guthrie, Jimmy Heath, Melba Moore, and Sun Ra.

In addition to his stellar musical background, Galen is a riveting speaker on the topic of jazz and its historical significance. Because of his love of teaching, he always finds a way to incorporate instruction and direction for students who someday would like to develop a career in music.

Today, he is considered one of the most popular artists on university and college campuses in the country--his performances always resulting in a demand for an encore.