

**Tudo Bem is a Brazilian jazz group led by guitarist Ben Sher. Continuing in the tradition that dates back to Stan Getz in the early 1960's, Sher and his group delve into the rhythms of Brazil as a catalyst for their high-spirited improvisations. Their set will have you dancing in your chair while hanging on every note.**

Ben Sher is a unique jazz guitarist. While he can talk the be-bop language of Wes Montgomery, Kenny Burrell and Pat Martino fluently, his groove comes from Baden Powell, João Bosco and Raphael Rabello. Ben is a faculty member at the famed Berklee College of Music in Boston where he teaches courses in the Brazilian guitar style as well as helping young jazz players hone their skills.

After spending two months in Brazil in 1988, Ben returned to New York and with the help of drummer Duduka da Fonseca, orchestrated some of his compositions for Brazilian rhythm section. Later that year, **TudoBem** (which loosely translated means "Is everything cool?") was formed.

They played their first extended engagement—a three-month run of Sundays at the Blue Note jazz club in New York City. Since then, they have performed in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Japan and throughout the east coast and are invited back to the Blue Note often to be warmly received.

In 2000 Ben released *Please Take me To Brasil*. On this recording jazz superstar Kenny Barron was a special guest along with vocalist Luciana Souza. This recording received rave reviews and led to tours in England, Ireland and Moscow. Look for Ben and Tudo Bem's upcoming release due out in May.

**TudoBem's** programs include classic bossa-nova works by Baden Powell, Antonios Carlos Jobim, traditional chorinhos by Pixinguinha and Bandolim, funky sambas by Djvan and Ivan Lins as well as Ben's original compositions. The group moves in and out of engaging melodies through exciting improvisatory sections bringing something to everyone in the audience.

**TudoBem** is Ben Sher, guitarist and composer with some of the finest Brazilian and American jazz musicians in New York City: Helios Alves, piano; Vanderlei Perreira, drums; Leonardo Cioglia or Dennis Irwin, bass; and proudly welcoming Sophia Kousivitis, vocals.



**"Sher is a dynamic musician who closes his eyes, fingers the strings, and makes his guitar sound like a symphony... They (TudoBem) perform a variety of songs combining the best of jazz and Brazilian music... When everyone joins in, the result is a glorious celebration that has to be the next best thing to cavorting on a Brazilian beach. He (Sher) and his band take you on a sensuous musical journey..."** — *Laurie Lawson, Electronic Link Journey*

**"Bright sambas, dancing percussion, pretty vocals, and Airtio-Hermeto Pascoal-type frenzied improvisations."** — *Jerome Wilson, Cadence*

**"Sher has drunk deeply of the aforementioned guitarists (Wes Montgomery, Kenny Burrell and Pat Martino) supple techniques, infusing ...with many small, gemlike moments."** — *Ken Mcaliff, Jazz Times*

# Ben Sher and TudoBem Brazilian Jazz



## PERFORMANCES

CultureFest at Bryant Park—NYC  
The Guggenheim WorldBeat Jazz Series  
The Blue Note— New York City  
Birdland— New York City  
NJ Performing Arts Center  
Berklee College of Music— Boston  
Five Towns College— Long Island, NY  
University of North Carolina— Charlotte, NC  
Appalachian State University— Boone, NC  
Moods Jazz Club— Zurich, Switzerland  
Gambrinus Jazz Club— St. Gallen, Switzerland  
Rampenlicht Jazz Club— Bludenz, Austria  
Kulturezentrum— St. Johann, Austria  
The Blue Note— Fukuoka, Japan  
Junefest Concert Series— Staten Island, NY  
Internet Cafe, Makor, Izzy Bar, Sugar Bar,  
Arthur's Tavern, 55 Bar— NYC  
Le Club— Moscow, Russia  
Hooves and Grooves Festival— Ireland  
Jazz 7 at Hugo's— London, England

## WORKSHOPS

New England Conservatory  
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Appalachian State  
UNC Charlotte  
The College of New Jersey  
William Patterson College



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