

Derek Brown bio

From his 30+ million views across social media to his appearance on international television and NPR's Weekend Edition, Billboard-charting saxophonist/innovator Derek Brown and his one-of-a-kind solo "BEATBoX SAX" project has been exploding across the world music scene.

As described by jazz journalist/historian Scott Yanow, "Brown performs unaccompanied solos that occasionally make one recall Bobby McFerrin in his early prime and the great saxophonist Eddie Harris . . . utilizing slap-tonguing, circular breathing, a wide interest in musical styles and dazzling coordination to create rather unique music."

Derek has performed solo concerts in all 50 United States and over 25 countries around the world (almost 200 total international shows)! Known for his boundless energy on stage, creative audience interaction, and musical depth, Derek's live shows always surprise and delight. His ongoing "BEATBoX SAX" music videos and tutorials on YouTube have been enormously popular among saxophonists and music lovers alike (over 100,000 Youtube subscriptions), leading to endorsements with Legere, JodyJazz, P.Mauriat, BG France, and AKG.

Previously the director of jazz studies at Abilene Christian University for six years, Derek received his BM in Music Performance (Classical and Jazz) from Hope College in 2006 and his MM in Jazz Studies at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music in 2008.

Crossing genres from jazz to classical to funk, without looping or electronic effects, saxophone innovator Derek Brown's unique playing style must be seen in person to be believed!