

“They blew everyone away! Supergroup is a term that’s thrown around all too often, but In Orbit are an authentic example of musical synergy. The lineup features names that will get your attention on first glance, and the music these guys put together is powerful, funky, and out of this world! Can’t wait to book them again.” Paul Hinrichs, Kaslo Jazz Etc. Festival

“The band name seemed apropos. There was something cosmic in Coffin's solos, overflowing with energy and unfurling to the highest reaches of his instrument's register, before ripping into a dizzying flurry of notes that left the listener holding on for dear life.

Jazz Fest 2017 Rochester CITY Newspaper -Daniel J. Kushner

IN ORBIT - Featuring Jeff Coffin & Felix Pastorius

In Orbit is a group at home in many musical worlds, taking jazz and improvised music freely across many styles. The music is energetic, imaginative, and playful, based around a love of great grooves expressed with soulful spirit and deep musicianship.

In Orbit brings together musicians from both sides of the Canada-USA border, centred on the original compositions of its co-leaders American saxophonist **Jeff Coffin**, and Canadian guitarist **Michael Occhipinti**, and the musicianship of a band that includes brilliant bassist **Felix Pastorius**, Nashville/Toronto pianist **Tom Reynolds**, and Toronto drummer **Davide Drenzo**.

Jeff Coffin is an omni-present saxophonist in Nashville, who is best known for his work with **Bela Fleck and the Flecktones**, and more recently as a member of the **Dave Matthews Band**. Jeff has been composing and releasing albums with his M’utet for many years, and can be spotted as a guest and collaborator with a number of groups including the Band of Other Brothers (with Nir Felder, Jeff Babko, Will Lee and Keith Carlock) and Snarky Puppy.

Guitarist/composer **Michael Occhipinti** is one of Canada’s most acclaimed and diverse musicians. A 9-time JUNO nominee (Canada’s Grammy), Michael’s own groups have explored everything from modern big band, to Sicilian folk, to chamber music and the music of John Lennon, and included guests such as Don Byron, Bruce Cockburn, and Italian vocalist Pilar.

Felix Pastorius is the son of legendary bassist Jaco Pastorius, and in recent years has established himself as a gifted bassist with an approach all his own. As the Rochester CITY newspaper noted, his “chops rival that of Victor Wooten. Pastorius's playing had a glorious, liquid flow to it, up and down the fretboard.”

Pianist **Tom Reynolds** was one of Nashville’s busiest pianist before moving to Toronto, and his versatility had him working in Gospel, blues, and jazz, and he was music director for some of the biggest names in country music. **Davide Drenzo** is one of Toronto’s most versatile drummers, touring internationally as a member of singer Cassandra Wilson’s band.

In Orbit was a headliner at a number of festivals in 2017, including the Ottawa Jazz Festival, the Iowa City Jazz Festival, Rochester Jazz Festival, and the Kaslo Jazz Festival. The group is now booking shows for 2018 and beyond.