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Bonzo Squad is an instrumental ensemble formed in Chicago, IL. The group formed as the house band of a jam session at Lilly's in 2014. Member of Bonzo Squad include Corbin Andrick (Bonzo) on saxophones and flute, Andrew Lawrence on keyboards and synthesizers, Andrew Vogt on bass, and Zack Marks on drums. For all intents and purposes, lets call them Corbin, Lawrence, Vogt, and Marks.

The story starts when Corbin met Marks while playing in Bumpus, a funk/soul band in Chicago. The two travelled all over the country with this group and collaborated on several songs for Corbin's first two releases. Corbin then found Vogt on a golf course at LaGrange Country Club and ended up asking him to do the house set at Lilly's, where he stayed until the present. Finally, Lawrence came into the picture when Corbin and Zack went to Multi-Kulti. Lawrence was running the Tuesday night Multi-Kulti jam session at the time when he and Corbin collided again.

Corbin needed a sub for Lilly's and Lawrence gladly accepted. These four recorded 22 tracks in two days at IV Labs studios, performed an all David Bowie Tribute, an all Prince Tribute, a Mozart tribute, two full blown Christmas productions and two sold out performances of Stevie Wonder's *Innervisions*. They released their debut album "Bonzo Squad" in 2017, and it received wonderful response from both fans and critics alike, including a write up in Downbeat, top 50 ranking on JazzWeek radio and a Spotify Playlist placement.

Since their release, the group has recorded 20 more songs and has found a new weekly residency at AliveOne, another legendary Chicago venue. Despite every member being in multiple genre-crossing projects (including Bonelang, District 97, Bumpus, Ernie Watts) the group always finds the time to play together. They are set to release their sophomore debut in 2019.