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BIOGRAPHY

Adam became enamored with the guitar in high school, and by graduation he was performing in local rock clubs. In 1996, he formed the band KGB, which gained notoriety in Atlanta for its creative blend of hip-hop, funk, and jazz. While with KGB, Adam shared the stage with such major label acts as Incubus and Maceo Parker.

Adam's growing interest in jazz and improvisation led him to Boston for a summer session at Berklee College of Music and later to Georgia State University where he earned his Bachelor of Music degree in jazz performance. While cultivating the jazz language at Georgia State, Adam performed regularly at many of the major jazz clubs in Atlanta and festivals such as the Atlanta Dogwood Festival and the Montreaux Atlanta Music Festival. During this same time, Adam was in the Georgia State Big Band, where he shared the stage with Kenny Garrett.

To augment his skills further, Adam enrolled at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston where he received a Master of Music degree in jazz performance in May 2006. At the New England Conservatory, he had the opportunity to study with such performers as Dave Holland, Ben Monder, and Jerry Bergonzi. Adam was also able to strengthen his skills as a composer and arranger through study with Ken Schaphorst and others.

Since his return to the South in 2006, Adam has been teaching at the collegiate level as well as in his private studio. Since 2008 he has been on the music faculty at the University of South Carolina Upstate. From 2006-2010 Adam was a member of the Atlanta-based pop/rock band GOLDEN. GOLDEN has performed at venues and festivals all across the Southeast including the 2006 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival. In addition to major market radio play, GOLDEN's music has been placed on episodes of MTV's, "The Real World" and "Road Rules." Adam is now heavily involved with Earsight, a high-energy, jazz/funk project he formed in 2011. Earsight just released their self-titled debut album in May 2015. The band is currently touring, writing and recording. Their music has been featured on SC/NC radio station WNCW, 88.7.