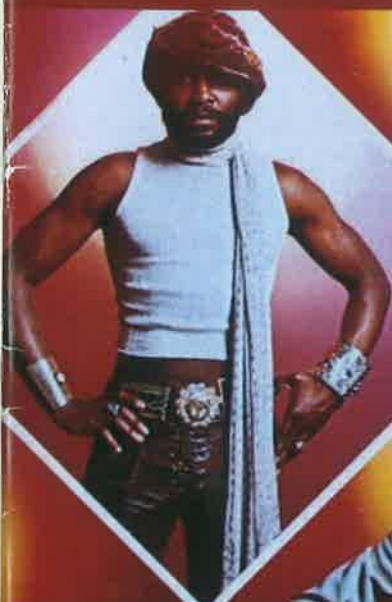


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JOE GRANSDEN

JULY 27, 8:00PM & 10:30PM

Joe Gransden has performed worldwide and released ten CDs under his own name. Renowned first for the hard bop approach of his trumpet, Gransden's singing voice has been compared to that of Chet Baker and Frank Sinatra.

Joe is from New York City and comes from a family full of musicians. Joe's introduction to music came early on through his father, a gifted singer and pianist. His grandfather was a trumpeter of merit, playing professionally his whole life throughout New York and on his mother's side was the piano virtuoso Carmen Cavallero.

Not long after high school, Joe was on the road as a sideman with the Tommy Dorsey Band and Glenn Miller Band. He has also performed as a sideman with Barry White, The Moody Blues, Kenny Rogers, The Temptations, Aretha Franklin and The Whispers. Eventually moving to New York City, he performed with Toshiko Akiyoshi and Chico O'Farrill. Meanwhile, Joe formed his own group, which performed in Brooklyn each week and included guitarist Joe Cohn and former Betty Carter bassist, Matt Hughes. The Joe Gransden Trio's growing legion of fans in both New York and recently in Atlanta has obviously taken note. A widening schedule has found Joe performing at The Jazz Corner in Hilton Head, South Carolina, The Museum of Art and Design in midtown Manhattan, Spivey Hall in Atlanta and Tehema Golf Club in Carmel, California. Joe also just released his brand new album entitled *Close To My Heart* which was produced by saxophone great Kenny G. The album is a collection of smooth jazz covers and originals written by Joe and Kenny. Joe has been performing with Kenny G and his band around the country for the past year or so. Fellow musicians across the country hear a talented trumpet player whose ace in the hole is a well-developed voice. But around Atlanta and New York Joe is also a well-respected human being, a nice guy who treats people fairly. He has always managed to keep every aspect of his career and life in balance. In this tempestuous decade, Joe's lyricism is like a breath of fresh air.

