

BRUNS & Baché

~ ABOUT THE BAND ~

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BRUNS & Baché (FKA “Bruns Collective with Kevin Baché”) is a Los Angeles based music group and originator of the *jazz-pop* music genre. Noted for their combination of jazz instrumentation, a horn section, and song writing with pop-aesthetics. Don Heckman (former L.A. Times music columnist) says they have "convincing similarities to the classic, hard-hitting qualities of Blood, Sweat & Tears".

Founded in 2010 by drummer/producer Jason Lee BRUNS [Bruhns], fronted by vocalist/songwriter Kevín Baché [bah-shay], and backed by **an 8-piece band** boasting the who's-who of L.A.'s A-list session players. Of whom have recorded with major label artists (e.g. **Ray Charles, Michael Bublé, Ziggy Marley, Maria Schneider, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Arturo Sandoval, Engelbert Humperdinck, and Phil Collins**).

The group has been performing to sold-out audiences at Southern California’s top venues for over a decade. Including **Catalina Jazz Club, Herb Alpert's Vibrato**, Vitello’s, various Santa Monica music series, and **Jazz at LACMA**. In 2017 and 2019 they completed multi-city tours in Japan.

Their past two albums were **Top-10 charting** (*College Music Journal, Roots Music Report*) airing on **300+ radio stations** nationwide. Several songs from the “Cherry Avenue” album enjoyed weekly spins on L.A.’s #1 jazz station **K-JAZZ 88.1FM** for over a year.

They are soon to release a vinyl box set that includes three albums produced by BRUNS - "Get Back", " Happy Holidays", and "Tribute con Salsa" (**feat. Andy Garcia**), recorded at the famous EastWest Studio Two (Frank Sinatra, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Beach Boys, Whitney Houston), mixed by Grammy winning mixer Craig Bauer (Kane West, Lupe Fiasco), and mastered by Dave Collins (Ben Harper, Bruce Springsteen, No Doubt, The Police).

~ LINKS ~

Band URL: www.BrunsBeats.com/Baché

Band Videos:

- Live Show - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ap5FYjs3AgE>
- Studio Session - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LGBLpMQfdE&feature=youtu.be>

~ MUSICIANS ~

Jason Lee Bruns - drums (Beck, Liane Carroll, Luis Price, GOT commercial).
Kevín Baché - vocals (David Bowie, Steve Miller)
Ron Blake - trumpet (Elton John, Poncho Sanchez, Green Day, Ziggy Marley)
Alex Hahn - alto & soprano sax (Michael Bublé)
Fabio de Souza - trombone (Ziggy Marley, Jungle Fire, Lady Antebellum)
Benjamin Thomas - guitar (Happy Maladies, Shandy & Eve, Natália Spandini)
Mahesh Malasooriya - piano (Arturo Sanduval, Engelbert Humperdinck)
Luca Alemanno - bass (Maria Schneider, Dave Koz, Dee Dee Bridgewater)

~ SPECIAL GUESTS ~

Katisse Buckingham - flute (prince, "Anchorman " Jazz Flute" scene, yellow jackets)
Brandon Fields - Tenor Sax (George Benson, Tower of Power, Ray Charles, Rippingtons)
Amy Keys - backup vocals (Phil Collins, Ringo Starr, Toto)

~ QUOTES ~

"Bruns' drumming and tight arrangements provide the perfect setting for Baché's vocals" ~ Bebop Spoken Here

"Baché combines the tone of Bublé, the energy of Elling, and the feel of Porter" - JazzTimes

"Bruns and Baché, like stellar predecessors Louie Bellson and Mel Torme, are skilled musicians/arrangers." ~ Don Heckman

"Bruns & Baché have really put together a great project that offers a classy delivery of an enjoyable collection of tunes." ~ JazzTimes

"...the interaction between the two is excellent." ~ All About Jazz

~ ALBUMS ~

“CHERRY AVENUE” - Bruns Collective with Kevín Baché (2015) - *Crossover Jazz* - L.P.

“LIVE AT CATALINA” - Bruns Collective with Kevín Baché (2012) - *Crossover Jazz* - L.P.

~ RADIO CHARTS ~

“Live at Catalina Jazz Club” (Panout Music Group) - debut at #1 slot for Top Jazz Adds and Peaked at #8 on Top 40 for CMJ Charts amongst Chick Corea (Concord), Joey DeFrancesco (Highnote) and Trombone Shorty (Verve).

“Cherry Avenue” (Panout Music Group) - was no. 37 on Root Music Report’s “TOP 50 Jazz Album Chart” amongst esteemed company including: Dave Holland & Kenny Barron (#38), Walter Smith III (#41), Wes Montgomery (#44), and was on the ballot for Nomination in the 58th Grammy Awards under “Best Vocal Jazz Album”.

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