

First Avenue & 7th Street Entry: Band Files and Related Records

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DEFUNKT PERFORMANCE RIDER MIDWEST TOUR/SPRING 1982

DRESSING ROOM - Must accommodate 10 people, and come with seating and mirror(s).

REFRESHMENTS - 2 Cases beer, 1 gallon orange juice, 1 case assorted soda, 1 gallon spring water, 1/5 Myers Rum, 1/5 JB Scotch. This is for

dressing room (Manditory)

1 Hot meal for seven after sound check. (Optional)

EQUIPMENT - 11 to 12 Microphones including 3 vocal (Shure, SM58 or similar).

2 Guitar and 1 bass amp - Fender Twin or

similar

1 Drum kit (Basic)

Changes Should be cleared through:

PRESTIGE ARTISTS
21 West Elm Street
Chicago, IŁ 60610
Peter Katsis or
Ron Kaplan

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TERRY PEARSON FOR JOE BOWIE AND DEFUNKT AGREES TO PERFORM 2 50 MINUTE SHOWS AT SAM'S ON MARCH 8, 1982. DEFUNKT IS TO RECEIVE \$1,250 PLUS 70 PERCENT OF GATE RECEIPTS AFTER \$3,000. THIS IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 50 PERCENT DUE IMMEDIATELY. CONTRACTS TO FOLLOW.

TERRY PEARSON, DEFUNKT, PETER KATSIS, PRESTIGE ARTISTS

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Defunkt Guest list for Monday, March 8th, 1982:

Jenis Baker plus 1
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Chuck Wiesner plus 1
Bill and Stephanie Konny

TOUR PASS LIST

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FIRST AVENUE - MARCH 311 TIX-\$4.00 - OPENING BAND DEFUNKT PHANTASY BAND

"A lot of jazz musicians", says Defunkt's vocalist/trombonist Joe Bowie, "won't play dance music because they're worried about their reputations. But I'm a gambler. And I love to dance. Getting a roomful of people up and dancing is an art, too; more than that, it's magic."

He should know. He and his cohorts in Defunkt, all of whom have extensive jazz backgrounds, have been getting people dancing in a funk frenzy for sometime now, from small New York City rock discos to a capacity throng at a soccer stadium in Rome that wouldn't let the band offstage. With the release of their first album 'Defunkt' those unfortunate enough to have missed the band's sizzling live sets can now experience Defunkt for themselves. If you have ants in your pants and you need to dance, this is the record to make you break out in a cold sweat.

Listening to this record, one could be forgiven for not realising that all the members of Defunkt have a long history of associations with the most respected names in avant-garde jazz. Joe Bowie himself is the kid brother of famed trumpeter Lester Bowie of the Art Ensemble of Chicago, and has also played with Cecil Taylor, Leroy Jenkins, Oliver Lake and Julius Hemphill, as well as co-leading his own jazz bands like the St. Louis Creative Ensemble (with the saxophonist Luther Thomas) and the Human Arts Ensemble (with drummer Charles Bobo Shaw).

But the 27 year old Bowie got his start in music - at the tender age of 15 - playing trombone behind such blues greats as Albert King and Little Milton in his hometown of St. Louis. Since that time he, like the rest of Defunkt, has matured along the two paths of creative jazz and gut-punching funk. So he knows what he's talking

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about when he says, "Funk is something that's <u>in</u> me, I grew up in it. It's in everyone - funk is one of the purest forms of natural energy there is. It's the ultimate dance rhythm."

Defunkt itself was formed when Joe's old acquaintance James
Siegfried - better known by that time as James Chance, notorious
lead of New York's revolutionary punk/funk outfit 'The Contortions'
asked Joe to find him some horn players for his band. Joe ended
up finding himself an entire new band and they were soon
overshadowing Chance, who eventually let Defunkt open his shows;
it was only a matter of time before they went out on their own.
Defunkt gained immediate critical acclaim and the word on the rock
club scene soon spread throughout New York - if you wanted to have
a funky good time, this was the band to see.

Defunkt's first appearances' in the U.K. came in June 1981 - to coincide with the release of their album; wherein they swept into London and played a sold-out concert at The Venue. Back in New York they record two tracks for a 12" single titled "The Razor's Edge' b/w "Strangling Me With Your Love (Re-Visited)". The single is due for release on Hannibal Records on the 23rd October, as Defunkt kick-off on an extensive European tour. The tour opens in London where they play two nights at The Venue on the 29th and 30th October, and includes Defunkt making an appeance at the Berlin Jazz Festival.

Defunkt are Joe Bowie on vocals/trombone, John Kevin Mulkerin on trumpet, Kim Clarke on bass, Kelvyn Bell and Richard Martin on guitars and Kenneth Martin on drums.

Listen to Joe Bowie's trombone licks, often sounding like nothing we've ever heard since Jimi Hendrix went back to where he came from. Listen to the dazzling guitar interplay of Bell and Martin and the bass lines of Kim Clarke that would make any giant of the instrument take notice. And then listen to that rhythm. Feel that rhythm. If you're not dancing to it, check your pulse - there must be something seriously wrong with you.

For further information:





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Joe Bowie and His Defunkt

By ROBERT PALMER

MOE BOWIE has been around and back again, playing his trombone behind blues musicians in his native St. Louis, blowing avantgarde jazz in Europe, working as musical director for a popular Chicago soul singer, then plunging into the distinct but sometimes overlapping punk and funk scenes in downtown Manhattan. His band, Defunkt, reflects the diversity of its leader's background and the varied stops he has made along the way. It's as funky as James Brown, and as creatively fractured and extreme as the music of Mr. Bowie's former employer. James Chance, the leader of the Contortions.



fried, who sometimes stayed to jam with Mr. Bowie and Mr. Shaw.

During the next few years, while Joe Bowie kept busy playing the trombone with the Human Arts Ensemble and a number of other jazz bands, Mr. Seigfried veered from free-form improvising to leading a crazed, intense noisefunk band called the Contortions. which did its own versions of a number of James Brown funk hits as well as songs that Mr. Seigfried had written, wih? such titles as "Contort Yourself" and "Almost Black." The Contortions, with Mr. Seigfried performing either as James Chance or James White, became one of the most controversial. and talked-about bands on the down-



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