

## Tucker Antell

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Tenor saxophonist Tucker Antell's virtuosity and captivatingly soulful "voice" has earned him a reputation as a must-see player in the Boston music scene. "Antell's playing both attracts and holds my attention from beginning to end with formidable instrumental chops, technique, vocabulary and knowledge of the tradition, balanced by a rare depth of imagination, originality, taste, and creativity," says world-renowned Jazz trombonist and educator, Hal Crook. Heavily influenced by the likes of Michael Brecker and Sonny Rollins, as well as his mentors, Jerry Bergonzi and George Garzone, Tucker, who has been gigging since age 13, has shared the stage with many heavy-hitters, including Larry Goldings, Anthony Wilson, Antonio Sanchez, Esperanza Spaulding, and Chris Cheek, and is a featured performer in Hal Crook's band, *Behind These Eyes*. Antell has also taken part in numerous recordings, such as Omar Thomas' *We Will Know* and *I Am*, as well as Mehmet Ali Sanlikol's, *Resolution*.

In early 2016, Tucker released his first EP: a visual sampling of his original compositions, which he describes as "provocative Jazz lines beating to the pulse of old-school Blues." Following the release of his EP, he headlined a concert at the renowned LA Jazz club, The Blue Whale, accompanied by Goldings and Wilson, and is set to release his full album of original blues-inspired music this summer. "I feel this music is one of the most honest representations of myself, and this album will be the product of years of careful thought about what that sounds like. I crafted this album to combine all the elements of the different music that I love, and the result is a fun collage that isn't watered down or overly heady." Saxophonist Tucker Antell is a rarity, or as master musician and educator Jerry Bergonzi says, Tucker is "one of a new breed of super musicians."