



Ricky Ford

Curriculum Vitae

Ford, Jazz Tenor saxophonist, was born in Boston March 4th, 1954.

Degrees :

- New England Conservatory of Music. Class of 1983 B.A. Music Performance.
- Brandeis University. Class of 1995 M.A. Music Composition

Academic Affiliations :

- Artist in Residence Brandeis University 1985-1997
- Lecture in Music: Istanbul Bilgi University 2000-2006

Awards :

- “Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres” High French distinction, 1991.

Films :

- *Chocolate*, Claire Denis. Music by Abdullah Ibrahim, performer Ricky Ford saxophone 1991
- *No Fear no die*, Claire Denis. Music by Abdullah Ibrahim, performer Ricky Ford saxophone 1993

Documentaries :

- *Ricky Ford Encore 1991*, Salto Production/Arte
- *A Great Day in Paris 2015*, realized by Michka Saal & Galerie 14 – Photo by Philippe Levy-Stab.
- *Spoon Jackson*, by Michka Saal. Music by Ricky Ford, solo saxophone 2014.

Personale Commissions

- Benny GOLSON composer, “Stage Center” performed by Ricky Ford and Ze Big Band 2011.

Extra Cultural Activities :

Artistic consultant of development and featured artist “ZE BIGBAND” www.zebigband.com 1997 – Present.

Founder of the Toucy Jazz Festival: www.toucyjazzfestival.com, where he received the keys of the City. 2008 – present.

Founder and Curator of Galerie14. www.galerie14.org 2008.

Publication:

- Ricky Ford interview jazz Hot 2014 N° 668.
<http://jazzhot.oxatis.com/PBCPPlayer.asp?ID=1461913>

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Discography

As leader

New World Records

- 1977: *Loxodonta Africana* with Oliver Beener, Charles Sullivan, Bob Neloms, Richard Davis, Dannie Richmond. Muse Records
- 1978: *Manhattan Plaza* with Oliver Beener, Jaki Byard, David Friesen, Dannie Richmond
- 1980: *Flying Colors* with John Hicks, Walter Booker, Jimmy Cobb
- 1981: *Tenor of the Times* with Albert Dailey, Rufus Reid, Jimmy Cobb
- 1982: *Interpretations* with John Hicks, Walter Booker, Jimmy Cobb, Robert Watson, Wallace Roney
- 1983: *Future's Gold* with Albert Dailey, Larry Corvell, Ray Drummond, Jimmy Cobb
- 1984: *Shorter Ideas* with Jimmy Knepper, James Spaulding, Kirk Lightsey, , Rufus Reid, Jimmy Cobb
- 1986: *Looking Ahead*
- 1987: *Saxotic Stomp* with James Spaulding, Charles Davis, Kirk Lightsey, Ray Drummond, Jimmy Cobb
- 1989: *Hard Groovin'* with Roy Hargrove, Geoff Kezzer, Robert Hurst, Jeff "Tain" Watts.
- 1992: *Tenor Madness Too* with Antoine Roney, Donald Brown, Peter Washington, Louis Hayes.

Candid Records

- 1989: *Manhattan Blues* with Jaki Bayard, Milt Hinton, Ben Riley,
- 1990: *Ebony Rhapsody* U.S. Jazz No. 13
- 1991: *Hot Brass* with Lew Soloff, Claudio Roditi ,Steve Turre, ,Danilo Pérez, Christian Mc Bride, Carl Allen.
- 1991: *American African Blues* with Jaki Byard, Milt Hinton, Ben Riley

Other labels

- 1994: *Tenors of Yusef Lateef & Ricky Ford* with Yusef Lateef, Avery Sharpe, Kamal Sabir.
- 1999: *Balaena* with George Cables, Cecil McBell, Ed Thigpen,

- 2002: *Songs for My Mother*
- 2003: *Reeds and Keys* with Kirk Lightsey
- 2009: *Very Saxy* with Rhoda Scott
- 2010: *7095* with Ricky Ford & Ze Big Band
- 2013: *Sacred Concert* with Ricky Ford & Ze Big Band

DISCOGRAPHIE

2009 Ricky Ford All Stars – Duc des Lombards, Paris
Featuring Kirk Lightsey, piano – James Lewis, Bass – Sangoma Everett, drums & Michel Hendricks, voice

2004 Ricky Ford Green
Note Marge Records Featuring Eddie Handerson

2003 Ricky Ford Duo, Reeds and Keys
Featuring Kirk Lightsey, piano

2001 Ricky Ford Sextet, Songs for my Mother
Featuring Bobby Few, piano

1999 Ricky Ford Quartet, Balaena
Featuring Georges Cables, piano – Cecil Mc Bee, bass – Ed Thigpen, drums

1998: Jaki Byard - July in Paris -
Jazz Friends Productions JFP003
 Jaki Byard, Ricky Ford, Ralph Hamperian, Richard Allen

1997: Richard Davis - Total Package
Marge 22
 Pete LaRoca, Ricky Ford, Dave Liebman, Lance Bryant, Jimmy Owens, George Cables, Santi Debriano

1997: Pete LaRoca - Swing time
Blue Note CDP7 854876
 Richard Davis, Ricky Ford, Curtis Clark, Andrew Cyrille

1995: Dave Burrell - Esquisses for a walk
Nocturne 319
 Dave Burrell, Laurence Allison, Daniel Huck, Carl Schlosser, Bruno Rousselet, Chris Henderson, Francis Varis, Ricky ford, Didier Levallet, Paco Sery

1994: Yusef Lateef & Ricky Ford - Tenors of Yusef Lateef & Ricky Ford
YAL Records YAL 105
 Yusef Lateef, Ricky Ford, Avery Sharpe, Kamal Sabir

1993: Steve Lacy - Vespers
Soul Note 121 260
 Steve Lacy, Steve Potts, Ricky Ford, Tom Varner, Bobb Few, Jean-Jacques Avenel, John Betsch, Irene Aebi

1992: Ricky Ford - Tenor madness too

Muse MCD 5478

Ricky Ford, Antoine Roney, Donald Brown, Peter Washington, Louis Hayes

1991: Ricky Ford - American African blues

Candid CCD 79528

Ricky Ford, Jaki Byard, Milt Hinton, Ben Riley

1991: Ricky Ford - Hot brass

Candid CCD 79518

Lew Soloff, Claudio Roditi, Steve Turre, Ricky Ford, Danilo Perez, Christian McBride, Carl Allen

1991: Candid Jazz Masters - For Miles

Candid CCD 79710

Claudio Roditi, Donal Harrison, Ricky Ford, Kenny Barron, Larry Gales, Joe Chambers

1990: Richard Davis - Dealin'

Sweet Basil 66055011

Cecil Bridgewater, Ricky Ford, Sir Roland Hanna, Richard Davis, Ronnie Burrage

1990: Ricky Ford - Ebony rhapsody

Candid CCD 79053

Ricky Ford, Jaki Byard, Milt Hinton, Ben Riley

1990: Ran Blake - That certain feeling (The George Gershwin Songbook)

hat ART CD 6077

Steve Lacy, Ricky Ford, Ran Blake

1990: Abdullah Ibrahim - No fear, no die / S'en fout la mort

Tiptoe 88815 CD

Frank Lacy, Horace Alexander Young III, Ricky Ford, Jimmy Cozier, Abdullah Ibrahim, Buster Williams, Ben Riley

1989: Richard Davis - One for Frederick

Hep CD 2047

Cecil Bridgewater, Ricky Ford, Sir Roland Hanna, Richard Davis, Freddie Waits

1989: Mal Waldron - Where are you ?

Soul Note 121 248

Sonny Fortune, Ricky Ford, Mal Waldron, Reggie Workman, Eddie Moore

1989: Mal Waldron - Crowd scene

Soul Note 121 218

Sonny Fortune, Ricky Ford, Mal Waldron, Reggie Workman, Eddie Moore

1989: Newport Jazz Festival All-stars - Bern Concert '89

Concord CCD 4401

Warren Vaché, Norris Turney, Ricky Ford, Scott Hamilton, George Wein, Gray Sargent, Eddie Jones,
Oliver Jackson

1989: Ricky Ford - Manhattan blues

Candid CCD 79036

Ricky Ford, Jaki Byard, Milt Hinton, Ben Riley

1989: Ricky Ford - Hard groovin'

Muse MCD 5373

Roy Hargrove, Ricky Ford, Geoff Keezer, Robert Hurst, Jeff Watts

1989: Ellen May Shashoyan - Songs for my father

New Ark NYEM101

Ellen May Shashoyan, Wally Richardson, Reggie Workman, Joe Marshall, Bilal Abdurahman, darabuka
& tambourine; Harold Minerve, Zane Paul, Harold Vic, Ricky Ford, Heywood Henry

1989: Mike Clark - Give the drummer some

Stash STCD 22

Jack Walrath, Ricky Ford, Neal Kirkwood, Jack Wilkins, Chip Jackson, Mike Clark

1988: Abdullah Ibrahim - Mindif

Enja 5073

Benny Powell, Ricky Ford, Craig Handy, Abdullah Ibrahim, David Williams, Billy Higgins

1988: Carmen Lundy - Night and Day

CBS 28AP 3320

Carmen Lundy, Ricky Ford, Rodney Jones, Kenny Kirkland, Alex Blake, Curtis Lundy, Victor Lewis

1987: Ricky Ford - Saxotic stomp

Muse MR 5349

James Spaulding, Ricky Ford, Charles Davis, Kirk Lightsey, Ray Drummond, Jimmy Cobb

1987: Sathima Bea Benjamin - Lovelight

Enja 6022

Sathima Bea Benjamin, Ricky Ford, Larry Willis, Buster Williams, Billy Higgins

1986: Riyuko Tanaka - Time take your heart

Break Time GGP-19

Riyuko Tanaka, Ricky Ford, Roland Hanna, Richard Davis, Freddie Waits

1986: Ran Blake - The short life of Barbara Monk

Soul Note 121 127

Ricky Ford, Ran Blake, Ed Felson, Jon Hazilla

1986: Amina Claudine Myers - Country girls

Minor Music 1012

Patience Higgins, Carlos Ward, Ricky Ford, Amina Claudine Myers, Jerome Harris, Reggie Nicholson,
Bola Idowu

1986: Ricky Ford - Looking ahead

Muse MR 5322

John Sass, James Spaulding, Ricky Ford, Kirk Lightsey, Cecil McBee, Freddie Waits

1985: Lee Torchia - Loverman

JRCD 001

Lee Torchia, Ricky Ford, Roger "Ram" Ramirez, Milt Hinton, Mel Lewis

1985: Abdullah Ibrahim - Water from an ancient well

Blackhawk BKH 50207

Dick Griffin, Carlos Ward, Ricky Ford, Charles Davis, Abdullah Ibrahim, David Williams, Ben Riley

1984: Beaver Harris - Well kept secret

Shemp HWSI 2701

Ricky Ford, Hamiet Bluiett, Don Pullen, Buster Williams, Beaver Harris, Francis Haynes

1984: Ricky Ford - Shorter ideas

Muse MR 5314

Jimmy Knepper, James Spaulding, Ricky Ford, Kirk Lightsey, Rufus Reid, Jimmy Cobb

1983: Freddie Hubbard - The rose tattoo

Baystate RJL-8095

Freddie Hubbard, Ricky Ford, Kenny Barron, Cecil McBee, Joe Chambers

1983: Danny Richmond - Dionysus - Red VPA 161

Recorded May 30th 1983, Milano, Italy.

Jack Walrath, Ricky Ford, Bob Neloms, Cameron Brown, Danny Richmond

1983: Abdullah Ibrahim - Ekaya

Ekapa 005

Dick Griffin, Carlos Ward, Ricky Ford, Charles Davis, Abdullah Ibrahim, Cecil McBee, Ben Riley

1983: Ricky Ford - Future's gold

Muse MR 5296

Ricky Ford, Albert Dailey, Larry Coryell, Ray Drummond, Jimmy Cobb

1982: Mingus Dynasty - Reincarnation

Soul Note SN 1042

Richard Williams, Jimmy Knepper, Ricky Ford, Sir Roland Hanna, Reggie Johnson, Kenny Washington

1982: Tom Harrell - Play of light

Blackhawk BKH 50901

Tom Harrell, Ricky Ford, Albert Dailey, Bruce Forman, Eddie Gomez, Billy Hart

1982: Lionel Hampton - Made in Japan

Timeless SJP 175 CD

Thomas Chapin, Ricky Ford, Paul Jeffrey, Glen Wilson, Lionel Hampton, John Colianni, Todd Coolman,
Duffy Jackson

1982: Lionel Hampton - The Boogie Woogie Album
Telefunken 6.25427

John Marshal, Barry Reis, John Walker, Vince Cutro, John Gordon, Charles Stephens, Chris
Gulhaguen, Yoshi Malta, Tom Chapin, Arnett Cobb, Ricky Ford Glenn Wilson, Lionel Hampton, Axel
Zwingenberger, Ralph Hamperian, Duffy Jackson, Sam Turner

1982: Ricky Ford - Interpretations
Muse MR 5275

Ricky Ford, John Hicks, Walter Booker Jimmy Cobb

1981: Lionel Hampton - Ambassador at large
Glad Hamp GHS1024

Johnny Walker, Pete Candoli, Billy Brooks, Wallace Davenport, Ed Neumeister, Buster Cooper,
Garnett Brown, Yoshi Malta, Tom Chapin, Jack Kelso, Ricky Ford, Kenny Rogers, Zeke Mullins, Chubby
Jackson, Frankie Dunlop, Sammy Turner, Frank Como

1981: Lionel Hampton - Aurex Jazz Festival '81
Aurex EWJ80207

Pete Candoli, Wallace Davenport, Billy Brooks, Johnny Walker, Buster Cooper, Garnett Brown, Ed
Neumeister, Woody Herman, Yoshi Malta, Jackie Kelso, Ricky Ford, Tom Chapin, Kenny Rogers, Lionel
Hampton, Zeke Mullins, Chubby Jackson, Frankie Dunlop

1981: Jack Walrath - Revenge of the fat people
Stash ST 221

Ricky Ford, Michael Cochrane, Cameron Brown, Mike Clark

1981: Ricky Ford - Tenor of the times
Muse MR 5250

Ricky Ford, Albert Daley, Rufus Reid, Jimmy Cobb

1980: Danny Richmond - Quintet
Gatemouth 1004

Jack Walrath, Ricky Ford, Bob Neloms, Cameron Brown, Danny Richmond

1980: Danny Richmond - Dannie Richmond plays Charles Mingus
Timeless SJP 148

Jack Walrath, Ricky Ford, Bob Neloms, Cameron Brown, Dannie Richmond

1980: Sonny Stitt - Sonny's back
Muse MR 5204

Sonny Stitt, Ricky Ford, Barry Harris, George Duvivier, Leroy Williams

1980: Ricky Ford - Flying colors
Muse MR 5227

Ricky Ford, John Hicks, Walter Booker, Jimmy Cobb

**1979: Beaver Harris 360 Degrees Music Experience - Negcaumongus
Cadence CJR 1003**

Ricky Ford, Ken McIntyre, Hamiet Bluiett, Don Pullen, Cameron Brown, Beaver Harris, Francis Haynes

**1979: Ronnie Matthews - Legacy
Bee Hive BH 7011**

Bill Hardman, Ricky Ford, Ronnie Matthews, Walter Booker, Jimmy Cobb

**1979: Red Rodney - Three R's
Muse MR 5290**

Red Rodney, Richie Cole, Ricky Ford, Turk Mauro, Roland Hanna, George Duvivier, Grady Tate

**1978: Ricky Ford - Manhattan plaza
Muse MR 5188**

Oliver Beener, Ricky Ford, Jaki Byard, David Friesen, Dannie Richmond

**1978: Ran Blake - Rapport
Arista Novus AN 3006**

Ricky Ford, Ran Blake, Rufus Reid

**1978: Charles Mingus - Something like a Bird
Atlantic SD 8805**

Big band with varying personnel

**1978: George Russell - Soul Note
SN 1039 CD**

Stanton Davis, Lew Soloff, Terumasa Hino, Gary Valente, Dave Taylor, John Clark, Marty Ehrlich, Ricky Ford, Roger Rosenberg, Carl Atkins, Götz Tangerding, Mark Slifstein, Ricky Martinez, Cameron Brwon, Warren Smith, Babalumi Akunyon, Lee Genesis

**1978: Charles Mingus - Me myself and eye
Atlantic SD 8803**

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**1977: Charles Mingus - Lionel Hampton presents the music of Charles Mingus
Who's who in Jazz WWLP 21005**

Woody Shaw, Jack Walrath, Peter Matt, Ricky Ford, Paul Jeffreys, Gerry Mulligan, Lionel Hampton, Bob Neloms, Charles Mingus, Dannie Richmond

**1977: Charles Mingus - Stormy & funky blues
Moon MCD 064**

Jack Walrath, Ricky Ford, Bob Neloms, Charles Mingus, Dannie Richmond

**1977: Charles Mingus - The Charles Mingus Memorial Album
Burning Desire MBDRM 010**

Jack Walrath, Ricky Ford, Bob Neloms, Charles Mingus, Dannie Richmond

**1977: Charles Mingus - Three or four shades of blues
Atlantic SD 1700**

Jack Walrath, Sonny Fortune, George Coleman, Ricky Ford, Bob Neloms, Jimmy Rowles, Philip Catherine, Larry Coryell, John Scofield, George Mraz, Ron Carter, Charles Mingus, Dannie Richmond

1977: Charles Mingus - Cumbia & jazz fusion

AtlanticSD 8801

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1977: Ricky Ford - Loxodonta africana

New World NW 204

Oliver Beener, Charles Sullivan, Ricky Ford, Bob Neloms, Richard Davis, Dannie Richmond

1975: Duke Ellington Orchestra under the direction of Mercer Ellington

Continuum

Fantasy 5991 / FT 525

18-piece band

1974: New England Conservatory Jazz Repertory Orchestra

Golden Crest CRS31041

18-piece band

1973: Ran Blake - Golden Crest

NEC 116

Ricky Ford, Ran Blake

With Ran Blake

- *Cocktail at Dusk* (Impulse 2014)

As sideman

With Abdullah Ibrahim

- *Water from an ancient Well* (Tiptoe, 1986)

With Ran Blake

- *Short Life of Barbara Monk* (Soul Note, 1986)

With Mal Waldron

- *Crowd Scene* (Soul Note, 1989),
- *Where are you ?* (Soul Note, 1989)

With Steve Lacy

- *Vespe'rs* (Soul Note, 1993)