

Guitarist Ben Turner, a native of South Jersey, was raised musically in Philadelphia while studying jazz at Temple University. He is currently pursuing a graduate teaching assistantship in jazz studies at Michigan State University. Ben has studied with Randy Napoleon, Rodney Whitaker, Peter Bernstein, Jesse van Ruler, Terrell Stafford, and Tim Warfield. He has played with acclaimed musicians in the Northeast and Midwest as a sideman and leader, and has performed internationally and across the United States. Ben has won awards from BMI, and Downbeat Magazine as well as successfully auditioning for summer programs such as Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead.