

A man with dark hair, wearing a dark sweater, is shown in profile, playing a gold saxophone. He is leaning against a wall. The background is a warm, out-of-focus indoor setting with Christmas lights and a Christmas tree, suggesting a holiday party. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS

THE 25th OF DECEMBER

INDIA.ARIE | ERIC BENÉT | JONATHAN BUTLER | GLORIA ESTEFAN | FANTASIA
KENNY G | HEATHER HEADLEY | RICHARD MARX | JOHNNY MATHIS
TROMBONE SHORTY | BEBE WINANS | STEVIE WONDER



1. **The First Noel** (3:43)

2. **It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**

FEATURING Johnny Mathis (3:23)

3. **This Christmas**

FEATURING Eric Benét (4:34)

4. **Do You Hear What I Hear?**

FEATURING Gloria Estefan (4:11)

5. **My Grown Up Christmas List**

FEATURING Heather Headley (4:48)

6. **Another Silent Night**

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7. **Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!**

FEATURING Kenny G (3:25)

8. **The 25th of December**

FEATURING BeBe Winans (4:19)

9. **I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm**

FEATURING India.Arie AND Trombone Shorty (3:11)

10. **O Holy Night**

FEATURING Jonathan Butler (5:08)

11. **Medley: O Come All Ye Faithful / Angels We Have Heard
on High / Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

FEATURING Fantasia (4:13)

12. **All You Need Is Love**

FEATURING Eric Benét, Johnny Mathis, Heather Headley, Richard Marx, Jonathan
Butler, Maysa, BeBe Winans, Gloria Estefan AND Stevie Wonder (5:41)

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I love the holidays...and I've been blessed over the last almost two decades to be on the road touring during this special time of year. No matter the city we're in, each venue becomes a sort of 'living room' for us—replete with the warmth of good friends, that particular air of specialness, and of course...beloved Christmas songs.

Nothing sets the tone for the holidays better than the music—it's why we love hearing these songs, year after year. They're more than just notes or lyrics—the songs become guideposts of our lives...reminders of Christmases past, of special moments spent with family and friends—they can return us to childlike innocence and jog our memories back to simpler times.

This album was made with that spirit in mind...an abundance of love and joy went into every single note. For me, making it was like hosting the best holiday party ever! I invited some wonderfully talented friends over...we ate, we drank, we reminisced, and then we retired to the living room, sat around the piano, and sang some songs—first, each duet partner and me; then before the party was over, we all came together for one last song: the Beatles gem “All You Need Is Love.” Though not a Christmas song, it truly holds the message of the holidays (and really, of life) for me.

Now, we invite you to join the party—so come on in and get comfy!
May the music infuse your holidays with love and light, happiness and peace...
a welcoming embrace of comfort and warmth to accompany you all year long.

May the notes and emotions herein become a soundtrack for the wonderful
new holiday memories you and your loved ones create each year.

Here's wishing you heartfelt blessings for the holiday season ahead,
in the new year, and always.

With much love and gratitude always, *Dan Aykroyd*





1. **THE FIRST NOEL** (3:43)

(TRADITIONAL)

ALTO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ PIANO: LENNY WEE
KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR.
BASS: CHUCK BERGHOFFER PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD
VIOLINS: LISA DONDLINGER, PAMELA GATES,
CHRISTINE WU VIOLA: LEAH KATZ CELLO: GINGER MURPHY
CHOIR: VERNON ALLEN, ELIZABETH MORGAN,
SHARON NORWOOD, JASON WHITE, AKUA WILLIS
ARRANGED AND ORCHESTRATED BY LENNY WEE

2. **IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR**

FEATURING JOHNNY MATHIS (3:23)

(GEORGE WYLL-EDWARD POLA) | BARNABY MUSIC CORP. (ASCAP)

TENOR SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: JOHNNY MATHIS
PIANO: BILLY CHILDS KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME
BASS: CHUCK BERGHOFFER DRUMS: CLAYTON CAMERON
PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD ARRANGED BY RICKEY MINOR

3. **THIS CHRISTMAS**

FEATURING ERIC BENÉT (4:34)

(NADINE McKINNON-DONNY HATHAWAY) | UNIVERSAL MUSIC MGB SONGS (ASCAP) /
UNIVERSAL MUSIC MGB SONGS OBO KUUMBA MUSIC (ASCAP) / MICROHITS MUSIC CORPORATION (ASCAP)

ALTO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: ERIC BENÉT
PIANO: JASON WHITE KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME
GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR. BASS SYNTH: DAVE DELHOMME
DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD
BACKGROUND VOCALS: ERIC BENÉT
ARRANGED BY DAVE DELHOMME AND RICKEY MINOR

4. **DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?**

FEATURING GLORIA ESTEFAN (4:11)

(GLORIA SHAYNE-NOEL REGNEY) | JEWEL MUSIC PUBLISHING CO. INC. (ASCAP)

ALTO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: GLORIA ESTEFAN
ELECTRIC PIANO/ORGAN: JASON WHITE KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME
GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR. BASS: RICKEY MINOR
DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD
BACKGROUND VOCALS: SHARLOTTE GIBSON,
KENYA HATHAWAY, SY SMITH
ARRANGED BY RICKEY MINOR AND JASON WHITE

5. **MY GROWN UP CHRISTMAS LIST**

FEATURING HEATHER HEADLEY (4:48)

(DAVID FOSTER-LINDA THOMPSON JENNER) | WARNER-TAMERLANE PUBLISHING CORP. (BMI)
/ PEER MUSIC III (BMI)

SOPRANO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: HEATHER HEADLEY
ELECTRIC PIANO: JASON WHITE KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME
GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR. BASS: RICKEY MINOR
DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD
BACKGROUND VOCALS: SHARLOTTE GIBSON
ARRANGED BY RICKEY MINOR AND JASON WHITE

6. **ANOTHER SILENT NIGHT**

FEATURING RICHARD MARX (3:23)

(RICHARD MARX-TREY BRIDE-DAVE KOZ) | KOBAIT MUSIC SERVICES/ND DRUM MUSIC / EVO 3 MUSIC
/ ROUND HILL SONGS (ASCAP) / DKLA MUSIC (BMI)

ALTO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS AND PIANO: RICHARD MARX
KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME AND JASON WHITE
GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR. PEDAL STEEL: JAY LEACH
BASS: RICKEY MINOR DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL
PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD ARRANGED BY RICHARD MARX

7. **LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!**

FEATURING KENNY G (3:25)

(SAMMY CAHN-JULE STYNE) | IMAGEM MUSIC LLC OBO CAHN MUSIC (ASCAP) /
CHAPPELL & CO. OBO PRODUCERS MUSIC PUBLISHING CO. (ASCAP)

TENOR SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ SOPRANO SAXOPHONE: KENNY G
PIANO: RANDY WALDMAN KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME
GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR. BASS: CHUCK BERGHOFFER
DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD
BIG BAND SAXOPHONES: JEFF DRISKELL TRUMPETS, TROMBONES: CHRIS WALDEN
ARRANGED BY CHRIS WALDEN

8. THE 25TH OF DECEMBER

FEATURING BEBE WINANS (4:19)

(BEBE WINANS+LENNY WEE) | BENNY'S MUSIC (BMI) / BMG SILVER SONGS (BMI) / LENNY WEE MUSIC (BMI)

ALTO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: BEBE WINANS

ELECTRIC PIANO: JASON WHITE KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME

BASS: CHUCK BERGHOFER PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD

VIOLINS: LISA DONDLINGER, PAMELA GATES, CHRISTINE WU

VIOLA: LEAH KATZ CELLO: GINGER MURPHY

ARRANGED BY JASON WHITE AND LENNY WEE

ORCHESTRATED AND CONDUCTED BY LENNY WEE

9. I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM

FEATURING INDIA.ARIE AND TROMBONE SHORTY (3:11)

(IRVING BERLIN) | IRVING BERLIN MUSIC COMPANY (ASCAP)

TENOR SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: INDIA.ARIE

TROMBONE: TROMBONE SHORTY PIANO: JOHN BEASLEY

KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME ACOUSTIC GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR.

BASS: CHUCK BERGHOFER

DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL

VIBES: CRAIG FUNDYGA

ARRANGED BY RICKEY MINOR AND JOHN BEASLEY

10. O HOLY NIGHT

FEATURING JONATHAN BUTLER (5:08)

(ADOLPHE ADAM-PLACIDE CAPPEAU) | PUBLIC DOMAIN

TENOR SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS, ACOUSTIC GUITAR: JONATHAN BUTLER

ELECTRIC PIANO/ORGAN: JASON WHITE KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME

GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR. BASS: RICKEY MINOR

PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL

BACKGROUND VOCALS: SHARLOTTE GIBSON, KENYA HATHAWAY,

SY SMITH CHOIR: VERNON ALLEN, ELIZABETH MORGAN,

SHARON NORWOOD, JASON WHITE, AKUA WILLIS

ARRANGED BY JONATHAN BUTLER

11. MEDLEY: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL / ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH / HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

FEATURING FANTASIA (4:13)

"O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL" (JOHN FRANCES WADE+JOHN READING) | PUBLIC DOMAIN

"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" (TRADITIONAL) | "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

(CHARLES WESLEY) | PUBLIC DOMAIN

ALTO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: FANTASIA

PIANO/ORGAN: JASON WHITE KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME

GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR. BASS: RICKEY MINOR

DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD

CHOIR: VERNON ALLEN, ELIZABETH MORGAN,

SHARON NORWOOD, JASON WHITE, AKUA WILLIS

ARRANGED BY JASON WHITE

12. ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

FEATURING ERIC BENÉT, JOHNNY MATHIS,
HEATHER HEADLEY, RICHARD MARX,
JONATHAN BUTLER, MAYSA, BEBE WINANS,
GLORIA ESTEFAN AND STEVIE WONDER (5:41)

(JOHN LENNON+PAUL MCCARTNEY) | SONY/ATV TUNES LLC DBA ATV OBO ATV

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ALTO SAXOPHONE: DAVE KOZ VOCALS: DAVE KOZ, ERIC BENÉT,

JOHNNY MATHIS, HEATHER HEADLEY, RICHARD MARX,

JONATHAN BUTLER, MAYSA, BEBE WINANS,

GLORIA ESTEFAN AND STEVIE WONDER

HARMONICA: STEVIE WONDER RHODES: JASON WHITE

KEYBOARDS: DAVE DELHOMME GUITAR: PAUL JACKSON, JR.

BASS: RICKEY MINOR DRUMS: TEDDY CAMPBELL

PERCUSSION: KEVIN RICARD

BACKGROUND VOCALS: SHARLOTTE GIBSON,

KENYA HATHAWAY, SY SMITH

ARRANGED BY JEFF LORBER AND RICKEY MINOR





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