

Dave Catney

Dave Catney was born in Fairmount, West Virginia in 1961, but made his mark in the thriving jazz scene of Houston, Texas. A natural talent, Catney began playing piano by ear at the age of five. During his school years, he learned to play a variety of instruments, including clarinet, tuba, and electric bass. He majored in music at the University of North Texas, and later studied piano privately in New. Also a composer, Catney placed several of his own compositions in television and films projects such as *And the Band Played On*.



Catney performed with such musicians as Tom McLaren and Ben Atkinson, at popular Houston locations such as the Black Labrador Pub and Lexa. In addition to performing, he also booked respected national acts into the popular Montrose jazz nightclub Cezanne, earning the venue national respect. In 1990, Justice Records of Houston offered Catney a recording contract, and over the next four years he made three CDs; *First Flight*, *Jade Vision*, and *Reality Road*. He contributed an original track with vocalist Sandra Dudley to *Last Night When We Were Young: The Ballad Album*, an AIDS education benefit CD produced by pianist Fred Hersch. Dave Catney died of AIDS on August 11, 1994.