



***Eddie Brookshire
Carthage, MS
Acoustic Bass
Composer & Arranger***

Eddie Brookshire (bass) was born in Carthage, MS and moved to Dayton, OH at age six. Originally a clarinet player, while in the US Army Eddie taught himself electric bass. He first toured and recorded with Piney Brown's Blues Band and also with the Coasters. Later, he formed the fusion band The Causal Society and soon joined Rusty Bryant, recording "Friday Night Funk" with him in 1970. After acoustic bass studies with Larry Gales, Eddie joined the jazz group of James Newton. Later, he attended Central State University, organized the university's big band, and played in award-winning jazz combos and ethnic ensembles, winning numerous awards at jazz festivals. Eddie attended Northern Illinois University where he took graduate courses in world music and studied bass with Larry Grey and steel drums with Cliff Alexis. He is listed in

Who's Who in Colleges and was a member of Northern's Down Beat award-winning symphonic Orchestra. Upon completing college, Eddie traveled with vibe player Johnny Lytle, backed up Little Jimmy Scott, and worked in numerous bands, including those of Elvin Jones, Norris Turney, Booty Wood, Sandra Reeves Phillips, Buddy Webb, Cal Collins, Pherez Whitted, Karl Allen, Little Johnny Taylor, Lowell Folsom, and Bill Holman. Other bands include Bob Curnow, Maria Schneider, Claude Williams, Snokie Young, Von Freeman, Jimmy Wilkins, Early Warren, John Carter, Billy Harper, Benny Maupin, Jimmy Owens, Nathan Davis, Woody Shaw, Slide Hampton, Gerri Allen, Jay McShan, Roy Ayers, Wilbert Longmire, David Fathead Newman, and Azar Lawrence.

Eddie, a former member of Kishwaukee Illinois Community Symphony Orchestra, * is a member of the AAJC-IAJE Big Band, and received the NAFEO award for excellent performance (acoustic bass) and the Presser Foundation Award for academic excellence. He is a faculty member at Sinclair Community College where he teaches bass, improv, and jazz combo. He also teaches bass and jazz combo at the University of Dayton. He is on the executive board of the A.F.M. Union 101-473.

Along with his Quintet, Eddie also leads the Eddie Brookshire Orchestra.

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