



Gary Negbauer

“You’ve Got To Be Carefully Taught”

“Negbauer can control the black and whites like...Captain Kirk manning the Enterprise.”
THE TENNESSEAN (NASHVILLE, TN)

“Negbauer is a witty songwriter and pianist and a suave vocalist.”
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Pianist/vocalist/composer Gary Negbauer plays jazz, blues and American roots music, combining innovative arrangements of standards with soulful originals.

“When I first started working on this project, I was spending a lot of time in New Orleans. I was struck by Mayor Mitch Landrieu’s bold handling of the removal of the Robert E. Lee statue and his subsequent mentioning of Rodger and Hammerstein’s “You’ve Got to Be Carefully Taught.” I began to explore that tune, and soon knew that it needed to be the title song of my next recording.” The album features Negbauer’s regular trio: Dom Richards on bass and Nat Seeley on drums and was produced by renowned bassist/music director Roger Hines. “I’ve spent my whole career working with great pianist/singers like Ray Charles and Diane Schuur, and when I heard Gary, there was something that drew me in. I felt honored to bring my experience to this project so I could help capture his unique, honest voice,” says Hines. This is not your typical standards album. The arrangements take the listener on a surprising journey from a jaunty, bluesy take on “Wouldn’t It Be Lovely” to a minor-key ballad interpretation of “I Want to Be Happy” to the gospel-infused anthem of the title song. These classics sit alongside more surprising selections like a Latin-tinged ride through the Beatles’ “For No One” and a soulful read of Hamilton’s “You’ll Be Back.” You’re also treated to a few Negbauer originals that feel quite natural alongside these classics.



Negbauer has grooved at the Superdome in New Orleans, knocked them out at Birdland in NYC and raised the roof at South by Southwest in Austin. In Paris, he brought the audience to its feet at the legendary Le Bilboquet. He tours as a soloist and with the Gary Negbauer Group (the GNG).

His recordings include original rock music (Let me explain), solo jazz standards (Sit Down You’re Rockin’ the Boat), children’s music (Max’s Family Band) and New Orleans classics (Alive in New Orleans). His next album (You’ve Got to Be Carefully Taught) features his trio playing reinvented standards alongside originals and is due out in 2021 on the Blujazz label.



In addition to performing, Negbauer composes for theater, film and TV. He co-wrote the musical Wine Lovers, which is currently in multiple productions. Librarians in Love (co-written with Suzanne Bradbeer and John Cariani) is in development now. He contributed to the score of the feature film An American Summer, and wrote the theme for Project #Cancerland, a media platform about breast cancer survivors. His song, Red Pontiac, was featured on NPR’s “Car Talk,” and singers often perform and record his music.

Gary studied at Harvard University (where he received the David McCord Prize for unusual creative talent and a Magna Cum Laude B.A.) and the Berklee College of Music (where he was a merit scholarship recipient). He tries to put all that to good use.

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