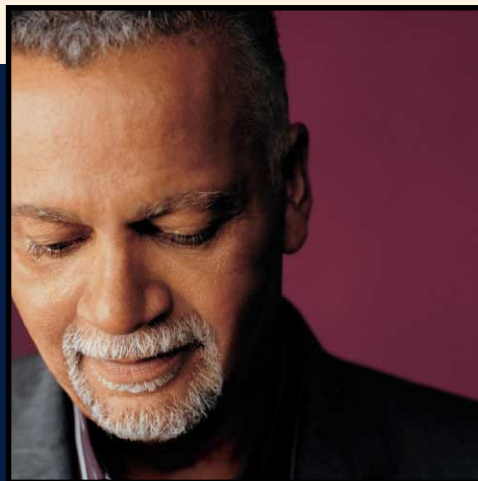
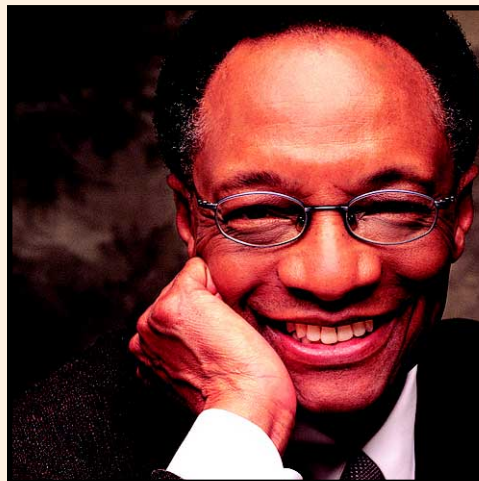


RAMSEY LEWIS JOE SAMPLE FLYING SOLO+DUO

"As [Sample] traces the history of jazz...the results are nothing short of a revelation."

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"Ramsey is magnificent."
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JOE SAMPLE, a founding member of influential jazz funk combo, The Crusaders, teams up with the impeccable RAMSEY LEWIS whose own smash hit, "The In Crowd," gave a new groove-filled sound to the world. These two jazz piano pioneers bring together their love of flying solo on the keys under one roof for a special evening of piano jazz and intimate soul. This program is being offered exclusively by ICM and Ted Kurland Associates.

Sample's latest album, SOUL SHADOWS, reaches back to the primary sources of jazz and features his personal interpretations of classics by Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington, the Gershwins, and others. Ever since his start in his Mother's parlor during after-church teas, Joe finds his muse while coaxing the mysteries out of a lone piano. By returning to his roots with his latest solo piano performances, Sample has enlightened audiences with his unique reflection and chronicle of traditional American music at its best.

Lewis, a composer, pianist and 3-time Grammy Award winner, has been referred to, time and again, as "the great performer." Lewis creates evenings sparkling with selections from his spiritual and classical training alongside those filled with his love of jazz. On his latest album, TIME FLIES, Lewis revisits his youthful immersion in classical/jazz to create new masterpieces, bringing a gospel energy to songs that harken back to his roots, his earliest musical influences and those Sunday mornings performing in Church.

"Unlike many solo piano recordings, Sample's outing soars, tumbles, and rarely flags."
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"Ramsey has gone back to his roots! ...he has tapped into a new vein of inspiration – [this] is some of his best playing in years!"
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