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Tim Neal featuring Mike Jordan “Live at Bernies” CD Release

Bernies Music Land is thrilled to announce the arrival of the latest CD to be released as part of the **Live at Bernies** label. This fascinating and funky CD features one of our favourite musicians, Tim Neal, playing on the new Hammond B-3 mark II organ. It was recorded here at the store in March 2009, and features over an hour of fabulous Hammond organ music, with jazz and blues standards, plus some of Tim’s very own compositions. It’s a brilliantly colourful and exciting CD to listen to – ideal for yourself or for a gift! Copies are available now at Bernies Music Land for \$29.95.

Tim Neal has dedicated his life to music and is nationally and internationally known as a creative and inspiring Hammond organ performer. He has extensive experience as a composer, music director and educator. He also plays the saxophone, flute, piano and guitar. Tim has recorded over 40 CDs and countless sessions with people such as Ernest Ranglin (Jamaica), Betty Harris (USA), Bunny Ruggs (Jamaica), Cattletruck, the Aria-Nominated Paul Williamson Hammond Combo, Festa, Aria-Award winning Banana Oil, Melbourne Improvisation Association, Kate Cebrano and Bobby Previte (USA).

Tim says: *“My association with Bernie goes back over 15 years, when he helped me purchase my first digital Hammond, the XB-3. Having this organ meant I was able to work in a lot more venues around the country, as my original B-3 weighed about the same as my old Kombi it traveled in! Over the years, I have done workshops with the new gear and watched it evolve. The Hammond company has invested lots of time and money into the new models, answering market concerns and offering the variety that its competitors can’t match.*

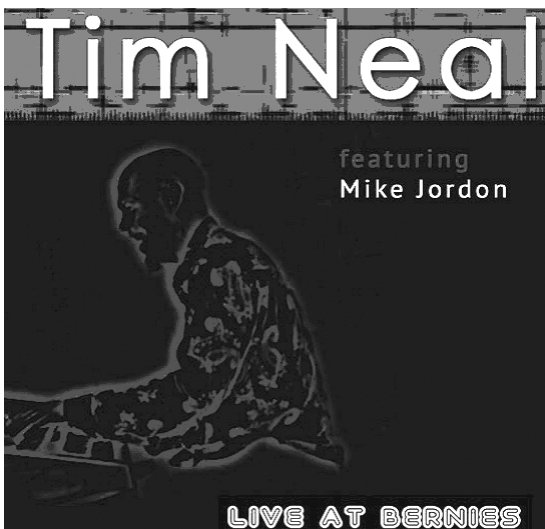
This recording was taken from a workshop in 2009, warts and all! No dubs or ‘creative editing’ was applied, giving the listener the feeling that they are there. Basically a ‘jam’ with my old buddy, Mike Jordan on drums. Mike and I have been playing together for about 20 years and he knows how to play with the B-3 in a way that makes us sound like a large ensemble! I can pretty much take the music anywhere and Mike is always there!

For this recording, I used the new B-3 mark II portable through a Leslie 3300, a truly inspiring combination that you can take anywhere!”

We also sent a copy to Tony Monaco in USA, one of the world’s most incredible Hammond organists. He was so excited that we received this reply from him:

“Recently I received an email from my great friend Bernie. He was excited about a new live recording of Tim Neal and Michael Jordan recorded at Bernies Music Land in Melbourne. I have been very fortunate to have visited and toured Australia twice and have become “mates” with both Tim and Michael. As a matter of fact, I’ve worked with Michael and co-hosted an exclusive Hammond-Suzuki / Leslie event with Tim, so naturally I was anxious to hear what they had put together. Most organ recordings use 3 people, sometimes a guitarist and other times horns. It’s rare to hear just an organ duo, where the organ is the bass along with playing melodies, comping and soloing as the drummer fills in all the other holes. It’s not an easy task, but right away you can tell that Tim and Michael have worked together a lot in order for it to be so fluent. Tim really pushes the organ’s boundaries as he eloquently plays through the history of the Hammond, from Jimmy Smith to the present. I was not aware that Michael could sing, but he really knocked me out with his voice. Michael can groove and swing like mad, and together they push each other to new heights as the CD plays on... This CD is a must for collectors of the finest things in life. Thanks guys for giving it your all.”

As you have just read, Michael Jordan played a huge role in this recording. Mike has been a regular guest performer here at the store and we’re very grateful he lives close by and is always on-hand to turn our nights into



amazing events! Mike is a powerful, soulful drummer and is renowned for his imaginative work in melodic drumming and his great skill to adapt to any musical situation and style. He is well known in the local and international music scene. He has played with a diverse range of artists including; George Cables, Sheila Jordan, Joanne Brackeam, Ben Sidren, Mark Murphy, Ronny Scott, Tony Monaco, Lona Luft, Jon Hammond, Paul Williamson, Ross Hannaford, Ross Wilson, Doug De Vries, Kate Cebrano and Paul Grabowski. A huge thanks to Mike for his contribution to this **Live at Bernies** CD and we look forward to having him back at Bernies Music Land again, soon. *Michelle C.*

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