

## Bio

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### JEFF COFFIN

3x Grammy Award Winning Saxophonist & Composer

Jeff Coffin, well-traveled saxophonist/composer, and three-time Grammy Award winning member of Bela Fleck & the Flecktones and the Dave Matthews Band, rejects all labels and categories other than "music" and "musician."

Coffin has traveled the world with the Flecktones since 1997 and with DMB since 2008, performing with musicians of all walks. Some of those he has shared the stage and the recording studio include such diverse artists as Branford Marsalis, DJ Logic, New Orleans Social Club, McCoy Tyner, Baaba Maal, Mike Clark's Prescription Trio, Chris Thile, Garth Brooks, Phish, Van Morrison, J.D. Souther, Vinnie Colaiuta, The Dixie Chicks, Bob Moses, Konger Ol Ondar, Stanton Moore, Brooks and Dunn, George Porter Jr., Umphrey's McGee, Del McCoury, John Scofield, Yonder Mountain String Band, Marc Broussard, Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Wailers and many, many others. Along the way, Coffin has absorbed an astounding range of influences. "Whether it be New Orleans Second Line, African music, Indian Ragas, folk songs, Alan Lomax field recordings, jazz, or funk," he says, "the spirit and breath of the music is what I take away from listening and playing. It's what decides for me whether I like it or not."

Known for sometimes playing alto and tenor sax simultaneously, with a nod to Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Coffin seeks out the extraordinary in his saxophone sound and in his technique of improvisation. Reaching for the unique is something Jeff makes an integral part of both his playing and teaching. In addition to the Flecktones, Jeff also leads his own group, The Mu'tet which takes its name for the word mutation, giving way to Jeff's belief that music is constantly changing and mutating.

Jeff Coffin has played on hundreds of recordings, and has performed around the world including a 2007 performance at the esteemed Carnegie Hall. As a highly in demand educator, Jeff has presented clinics from Farmington, Maine to Perth, Australia and is also an internationally acclaimed Yamaha and Vandoren Performing Artist/Clinician since 2000.

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## JC PARTIAL DISCOGRAPHY

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND [[www.dmband.com](http://www.dmband.com)]

Big Whiskey & The GrooGrux King (Bama | Rags/RCA)

BELA FLECK & the FLECKTONES [[www.flecktones.com](http://www.flecktones.com)]

Jingle All The Way ~ 2009 Grammy Award winner - Best Pop Instrumental Album (Rounder)

The Hidden Land ~ 2006 Grammy Award winner - Best Contemporary Jazz recording (Sony/Capitol)

Little Worlds (Sony/Capitol)

Live at the Quick ~ CD & DVD (Sony/Capitol)

Greatest Hits of the 20th Century (Warner Bros)

Outbound ~ 2001 Grammy Award winner - Best Contemporary Jazz recording (Warner Bros)

Left of Cool (Warner Bros)

THE JEFF COFFIN MU'TET [[www.jeffcoffin.com](http://www.jeffcoffin.com)]

Mutopia ~ (Compass Records)

Bloom (Compass Records)

Go Round (Compass Records)

Commonality (Compass Records)

Outside the Lines (Artifex Records)

JEFF BABKO, JEFF COFFIN, VINNIE COLAIUTA

Mondo Trio (Abstractlogix)

MARC BROUSSARD

S.O.S. (Vanguard Records)

UMPHREYS McGEE

Bottom Half (SCI Fidelity)

JERRY DOUGLAS

Lookout for Hope (Sugar Hill)

The Best Kept Secret (Sugar Hill)