

Pete Benson Bio – January 2021

One of Chicago's premiere Hammond B3 players, Pete Benson has been in-demand as both a pianist and organist for over 20 years. Voted one of the top jazz organists for Down Beat magazine's Rising Star Critics Poll seven years running, Pete can be heard at venues such as the Green Mill, Andy's Jazz Club, and Winter's Jazz Club. He regularly plays weddings and corporate events with David Rothstein Music and recently performed as organist with the Lyric Opera of Chicago for a highly acclaimed production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Recordings include: Live at The Green Mill, the George Freeman & Mike Allemana Organ Quartet with Special Guest Bernard Purdie, Sabertooth Live at the Green Mill, Sabertooth Plays Dead, Kyle Asche's The Hook Up and an upcoming release with the Kyle Asche Organ Trio.

Born in Sycamore, Illinois, Pete developed a love for music at an early age. He began his studies on a piano designed by his grandfather, a piano and organ designer for Wurlitzer. Pete holds a Master of Music degree from DePaul University.