

kosher curried salami

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Kosher Curried Salami (KCS) is funk-jazz band, founded on the simple principle that audiences should truly enjoy the music they are hearing. Comprised of four highly successful local musicians, KCS aims to bring back jazz music as something that everyone loves to hear, not something solely reserved for dark basements and beret-wearing jazz aficionados. We play music with substance, focused on music that appeals to musicians and non-musicians alike.

Inspired by an outdoor concert in a Lower Manhattan park, in which saxophonist Kenny Garrett and his band worked a crowd of 3,000 people into an absolute frenzy, Gil realized that top-notch jazz and super-high energy shows are not mutually exclusive. When Gil moved to Chicago, he teamed up with three outstanding musicians- guitarist Mike Pinto, keyboardist Andrew Zallar, and saxophonist Drew Pierson, all of whom have advanced music education and share the same view that music should be challenging and exciting for the performer while delighting the audience. KCS is here to defeat the mistaken notion that jazz is music reserved for “serious” fans -- we thrive on audience energy and the pleasure of all listeners.

In its first year of existence, KCS has really taken off. KCS’ debut gig was for a massive party at the Congress Theater. It was a huge hit, and the crowd couldn’t get enough. Since then, KCS has played street festivals, clubs, private parties, and bars, and as the response continues to grow, people keep coming back to hear more!

During the past year, the musical personalities of the group have clicked, and its repertoire has grown. In addition to original music, we play popular classics, performing funk-jazz renditions of songs like Thriller, Heard it Through the Grapevine, and Summertime, which builds a nice bridge between the musicians and the audience. As Kosher Curried Salami enters its second year and continues to spread its love of music all over Chicago, the future looks fresh and bright.

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recent gigs

Congress Theater

Millenium Park

Ravenswood Street Festival

Reggie's Music Joint

Morseland

Tonic Room

recent songs

Thriller

Heard it Through the Grapevine

Summertime

Radiohead's 'Morning Bell'

Sinner Man