



# New Release

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# JOHN LA BARBERA BIG BAND GROOVEYARD



*"John La Barbera's well-framed charts tantalize the ears and quicken the heart..."*

All About Jazz

With his career at the highest levels of the music industry spanning a half-century, Grammy® nominated composer/arranger John La Barbera doesn't have much left to prove, so gathering a band of equals in New York City and spending some time recording his latest & best hard-swinging arrangements, makes good sense! Along with his equally storied brothers, saxophonist Pat and drummer Joe, La Barbera fills *Grooveyard* with jazz royalty, including Steve Wilson, Renee Rosnes, Clay Jenkins, and the legendary bassist, Rufus Reid, for a set of four arranged tunes from Brubeck, Curtis Fuller, Elvin Jones, and the title track from pianist Carl Perkins, and six of his own original compositions. Thanks to his early career in helping to define the sounds of the Buddy Rich Band, Woody Herman, Bill Watrous and so many others, La Barbera's works have become jazz big band standards, his luminous orchestrations, contrapuntal writing, and rhythmic and textural variety combining to create unforgettable musical moments.

**JOHN LA BARBERA** Conductor & Arranger

**WOODWINDS:**

**STEVE WILSON** Lead Alto, Flute  
**ERICA VON KLEIST** Alto, Flute  
**PAT LA BARBERA** Tenor, Soprano  
**SAM SADIGURSKY** Tenor, Clarinet  
**ANDY GUTAUSKAS** Baritone, Bass Clarinet  
**JUAN RUIZ** Clarinet (2)

**TRUMPETS:**

**JOHN CHUDOBA** (Lead)  
**BRIAN PARESCHI** (Lead 7,9)  
**BRANDON LEE**  
**CLAY JENKINS**

**TROMBONES:**

**RYAN KEBERLE** (Lead)  
**MIKE DAVIS** (Lead 7)  
**SARA JACOVINO**  
**DAVID TAYLOR**

**RHYTHM:**

**RENEE ROSNES** Piano, Keyboards  
**BRANDON COLEMAN** Guitar  
**RUFUS REID** Acoustic Bass  
**FRANK GRAVIS** Electric Bass  
**JOE LA BARBERA** Drums  
**KIKO SEBRIAN** Percussion

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- 1 Grooveyard 6:40
- 2 My New Summer Samba 6:27
- 3 For lola 7:15
- 4 Thanks Hank 8:11
- 5 Tranesome 6:59
- 6 Choro Para Thiago 4:10
- 7 K's Delight 5:34
- 8 Mandatory Blues 6:06
- 9 Sweetness 6:23
- 10 Keiko's Birthday March 6:39

All compositions by John P. La Barbera, except 1,3,9,10

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