

# Benni Chawes

*"You made my night" (Ray Charles)*

*Benni Chawes' acclaimed debut from 2006 "Up Close" propelled him through the sound barrier and into well-earned popularity, sending the singer, pianist and entertainer out on a large-scale tour of Europe, Asia, the Middle East, USA and Canada. With his timeless and sparkling personal bid on vocal jazz/pop/soul in the international league he is one of the few musicians to have sung their way to **Ray Charles'** heart. And he is the only musician ever to sign an **exclusive sponsorship deal** with the crème de la crème of international audio design, **Bang & Olufsen**. The **4-time award-winning** artist is coming back with a new and even more exiting release in March 2016 that will be followed up by a tour around the world.*

## A mouthful

Chawes is much more than merely a singer. He combines an obvious crooner talent with his own special ingredient: mouth instruments. His ability to make every detail of a whole rhythm section come alive with his mouth is uncanny. At age 7 he invented the vocal drums sounding like a complete drum kit long before beat box was known. And Chawes took it further to emulate the exact sound of a grooving bass-line and a wailing guitar solo worthy of any guitar virtuoso's envy. Chawes has a talent that makes your run of the mill human beat box sound bleak indeed, and it is a part of each Benni Chawes appearance.

## Benni, B&O and all the other names

The international music business and Denmark's world famous audio design company B&O have also noticed Chawes' special musical talents. Over the years he has performed and sung with a wide variety of acts including Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen (NHØP), Aaron Neville and The Boston Symphony Orchestra. He has appeared on numerous television shows over the world. One of his songs was featured in the Danish international hit TV series "The Crime". Typically, Chawes – always seeking new paths – is the only one ever to sign a sponsorship deal with the Danish world brand Bang & Olufsen. Benni Chawes and his extremely melodious vocal chords and music are an integral part of the show, whenever the crown jewel of Danish Design and audio reproduction goes on tour to demonstrate its quality around the world.



## "You made my night"

The abovementioned spontaneous exclamation came from the king of soul, blues and jazz, Ray Charles, after a concert with Benni Chawes and his American band Vox One. It was a heartfelt reaction, and one you soon will recognize upon hearing Benni Chawes. Benni Chawes is a true performer, guaranteed to make your night – or your day for that matter – with a voice so warm and enticing, that even the coldest of hearts melt in his company. Jazz Thing (Germany) wrote "Benni Chawes sets new standards" and Jazzman Magazine (France) "Superb velvet voice".

## New album...

In March 2016 Benni Chawes' highly anticipated album (title TBA) will be released. More groove-felt songs will be added compared to his last critically acclaimed "Up Close" release that was produced by respected bassist and producer, Chris Minh Doky. Chawes' sublet warm sound is still to be heard on his new album and will feature the same melodic songwriting that got "Up Close" airplay around the world. It also effectively demonstrates that Benni Chawes has found his own sound in mature methodical freedom and a striking subtlety.

The majority of the repertoire of his upcoming concerts will be from the new album, but when Benni Chawes takes the stage, you get more than his fantastic songs, his mellow and agile crooning and his super unplugged band. His concerts also showcase his sensational mouth, which for a spell does the work of an entire combo.

*Benni Chawes studied piano and singing at the famous Berklee College of Music in Boston.*

*He has performed with The Boston Symphony Orchestra and the legendary soul singer Aaron Neville and toured in USA, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Germany, France, Israel, Greece, Romania, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Japan and Thailand.*

*Benni Chawes appears on 15 albums, two of them as a solo act.*

*Benni Chawes has received the following awards: Outstanding Musicianship (IAJE, 1995), Artist of the Year, Best Jazz Album, Best Jazz Song (CARA Awards, 1998)*

*The press on Benni Chawes:*

*“Shockingly strong. Impressive album” – Gaffa, Denmark ★★★★★*

*“Benni Chawes sets new standards” – Jazz Thing, Germany*

*“Superb velvet voice” – Jazzman Magazine, France*

*“Funky” – Boston Globe, USA*

*“Absolutely impressive” – Berlingske Tidende, Denmark*

*“Magic of such magnitude it left everyone wondering whether it was all an illusion” (Østlandsposten, Norway)*

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