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Kazlo Johns

Bass 2-hand Tapping / Hypnotic Instrumental Rock / Jazz Overtones

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Bio



After 40+ years as a bassist backing other musicians, **John Kessler** is stepping out front as composer and bandleader with this new project. Conceived during the pandemic lull, Kessler began playing the bass with 2-hand tapping method, creating hypnotic instrumental rock with jazz overtones. Using this technique, he is able to play both bass and rhythm at the same time, weaving intricate overlapping patterns that are mesmerizing and also fun to watch and listen to. *Fans of bassist Tony Levin and King Crimson* will be delighted by this new group.

As Musical Director of NPR's Mountain Stage radio program Kessler arranged music and performed with some of the biggest names in roots, rock, jazz and blues including Dr. John, Sonny Landreth, Sarah MacLachlan, Shawn Colvin, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Johnny Johnson and literally 100s of others during his 15 year stint.

Since 1999 Kessler has hosted the All Blues radio show on KNKX/NPR, and has won numerous awards from the Washington Blues Society as well as the award for Keeping The Blues Alive from the Blues Foundation.

Joined by some of the best players in Seattle, the band includes **Darian Asplund** on sax, flute and ewi (Lee Oskar, Tim Kennedy, Macklemore) **Park Evans** on guitar (Birch Pereira, Corey Palmer, Anthony Cox) and brilliant newcomer to the Seattle music scene **Carlos Knox** on drums.

Links

Photos / EPK: kazlojohns.com/EPK

Facebook: [john.kessler1](https://www.facebook.com/john.kessler1)

Instagram: [@kazlojohns](https://www.instagram.com/@kazlojohns)

Bandcamp: kazlojohns.bandcamp.com

Apple Music: music.apple.com/us/artist/kazlo-johns/1745586047

Shows

CALENDAR: kazlojohns.com/shows.html

UPCOMING:

11/23 - Blues Vespers

→ Kilworth Chapel, Univ. Puget Sound, Tacoma

12/4 - Darrell's Tavern, Shoreline

→ 18041 Aurora Ave <https://darrellstavern.com/>

New Release - "ALTER EGO"

Jazz/Funk pioneer Kazlo Johns celebrates his debut release **ALTER EGO**.

Percussive and Bass-Heavy, **Kazlo Johns** is a two-hand tapping bass phenom, combining irresistible original grooves with memorable melodies.

The tracks feature some of the wizard players of the Northwest music scene, including **Darian Asplund, Nancy Rumbel, Park Evans, Chava Mirel, and Jeff Busch**.

→ **WAV / MP3** downloads are available at <https://kazlojohns.com/EPK/>

(If you prefer to receive a physical CD, please let me know.)



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