

**«Rhyme & Reason»  
by Oleg Kireyev and Keith Javors  
(Contemporary Jazz)**

Featuring:

Oleg Kireyev — saxophone — Russia

Keith Javors — piano — USA

Boris Kozlov — bass — USA

E. J. Strickland — drums — USA



Russian saxophone player [Oleg Kireyev](#) and American pianist [Keith Javors](#) are debuting their extraordinary project “Rhyme & Reason”. The project, based on their own compositions, glides effortlessly atop the modern jazz mainstream.

Oleg Kireyev is an internationally recognized musician, frequently on tour and playing to appreciative audiences in Europe and the U.S. Oleg has participated in several of the most innovative and provocative international jazz projects in a recording and performing career spanning three decades. His creative ideas are vast, from mainstream and ethno to jazz rock and world music. “Incredibly good” “soft & enthusiastic” and “stylish and top notch” — are phrases musical critics write about the voice of his saxophone.

Keith Javors is a household name in contemporary jazz circles, an educator as much as he is a musician. As a pianist, he prides himself on innovation, bringing to the surface many revolutionary ideas. A fully dedicated live performer, Keith has the rare gift of sounding like he is playing for each individual listener alone.

The new project of Oleg Kireyev and Keith Javors was conceived just over a year ago, in September 2008. After an initial performance at the legendary "Chris Jazz Café" in Philadelphia, they played many East Coast venues into the Spring of 2009 including "Blues Alley" in Washington and "Iridium" in New York. As it happens, during long rehearsals and stage performances the musicians became close and decided to launch an album and project under the name "Rhyme and Reason". The new album was recorded at Tony Bennett's studio in New Jersey, marking the first time Kireyev has recorded in North America. Besides Mr. Kireyev and Mr. Javors, the album features the support of Boris Kozlov from the Charles Mingus Band on bass and E. J. Strickland from the Ravi Coltrane Band on drums.

The release of the new album "Rhyme & Reason" on Inarhyme Records label is planned for December 2009. In 2010, the musicians are planning to spend considerable time touring Europe and North America to boost sales and connect with their listeners.

### **Quotes about Oleg Kireyev:**

"Oleg's playing is a marvelous combination of styles, incorporating a whole lot of players. I hear echoes of the 1920's and John Coltrane combined with unstructured jazz" - Bud Shank, musician.

"A Russian sax player with a reputation for hard swing and high excitement"  
- The Express and Star, UK.

"The Russian sax player breaks down genre borders...Adventurous and intriguing."  
- Paul Freeman, Palo Alto Daily News

### **Quotes about Keith Javors:**

"Javors distinguishes himself as a bandleader intent on collective envelope-pushing...It's full steam ahead."  
- Bill Milkowski, Jazz Times

"Known for his technical virtuosity, a riveting compositional style, and constant creativity"  
- All About Jazz

"Well worth checking into, his tunes cover a canvas of varied territories and energies interpreted by a tight unity in timefeel and mutual alertness in improvisation. Javors satisfies an appetite for the musically punctuated with surprising twists and turns."  
- Jazz Education Journal (IAJE)

*Oleg Kireyev, Keith Javors and the Rhyme & Reason Project are available for Jazz Festivals and club dates throughout 2010. Please enjoy the youtube live performances & myspace pages below and clips from their new studio album attached. We look forward to hearing from you!*

September 2009 – Smalls , NYC

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSn8TzpTmMw>

April 2009 – Iridium, NYC

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMMzphNFYOE>

Oleg Kireyev on myspace

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