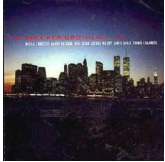


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01. *Some Skunk Funk*
02. *Common Ground*
03. *Sponge*
04. *Michael Wailing On The EWI*
05. *Song For Barry*
06. *Sozino*
07. *Inside Out*

Personnel:

Michael Brecker - Tenor Sax, EWI
Randy Brecker - Trumpet
Mike Stern - Guitar
George Whitty - Keyboards
James Genius - Bass
Dennis Chambers – Drums

Randy Brecker (trumpet, fluglehorn) and Michael Brecker (tenor saxophone and electronic wind instruments), whether working together or separately, have been two of the most sought after horn players from the early 70s up until when Michael passed away in 2007. Meanwhile, Randy continues to perform to this day. Raised in the Philadelphia area, both moved to New York City at a young age to seek a career in music and ended up with Billy Cobham in the seminal jazz-rock band Dreams. From there both of them played with a wide range of artists finally deciding to team up in 1975 to form their own band, The Brecker Brothers.

The Brecker Brothers band used the hard driving horn based RnB/jazz of the JB's as a base and then added the progressive fusion tendencies of past band mates such as Billy Cobham, Larry

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Coryell and Frank Zappa. The end result was a fun high energy take on fusion that eschewed weighty pretensions for blistering solos and rapid fire rhythms. Although the other artists the brothers have worked with are too numerous to list, some of their best work as a traveling duo can be found on Parliament's insanely creative Mothership Connection and Billy Cobham's incendiary Shabazz. In 2007 Michael was inducted into the Downbeat Jazz Hall of Fame. ---
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