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01. *Funky Is As Funky Does* (feat. Boney James, Rick Braun) 02. *One More Excuse to Play the Blues* (feat. Bill Evans, Steven Miller) 03. *Open Up* (feat. Jeff Lorber) 04. *Gimmie Some* (feat. Mindi Abair, Rick Braun) 05. *Swagster* (PKJ) (feat. Philippe Saisse, Kirk Whalum) 06. *Keep The Ball Rolling* (feat. Gerald Albright, Brian Culbertson, Richard Elliot) 07. *Jeff's Blues* (Mama Didn't) (feat. Dave Koz, Rick Braun) 08. *Groanin* (feat. Mitchel Forman, Steve Ferrone) 09. *Atlanta Nights* (feat. Peter White, Jeff Young) 10. *Naked City* (feat. Mitchel Forman, Andre Berry, Steve Ferrone)

Jeff Golub - Acoustic Slide Guitar, Guitar (Electric) Mindi Abair - Sax (Alto) Gerald Albright - Sax (Alto) Andre Berry - Bass Boney James - Sax (Tenor) Jeff Bova - Keyboards Rick Braun - Horn, Keyboards, Mixing, Producer, Programming Luis Conte - Congas, Percussion Brian Culbertson - Trombone Richard Elliot - Sax (Tenor) Bill Evans - Sax (Tenor) Steve Ferrone - Drums Mitchel Forman - Hammond B3, Keyboards Steve Gaboury - Keyboards Lincoln Goines - Bass (Acoustic) Paul Jackson, Jr. - Guitar Dave Koz - Sax (Tenor) Jeff Levine - Hammond B3 Jeff Lorber - Keyboards, Producer Steven Miller - Mixing, Producer, Programming Gary Novak - Drums Chris Palmaro - Hammond B3 Nate Phillips - Bass John Pierce - Bass Ron Reinhardt - Keyboards Third Richardson - Drums Philippe Saisse - Keyboards, Producer, Programming Allen Sides - Mixing Roger Squitiero - Percussion Kirk Whalum - Sax (Tenor) Peter White - Guitar (Acoustic), Guitar (Nylon String) Dave Woodford - Horn Jeff Young - Hammond B3, Piano, Wurlitzer

The posthumously released all-star Jeff Golub benefit album, *The Vault*, brings together reworked and previously unreleased versions of songs the guitarist recorded prior to being diagnosed with the rare brain disease progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) in 2014. A debilitating condition, PSP robbed Golub of his eyesight and left the adept, genre-bending blues and jazz musician unable to play his guitar. Tragically, complications from the disease also led to his death in January 2015. Prior to his passing, however, several of Golub's longtime friends and collaborators, including trumpeter Rick Braun, music executive Bud Harner, and producer/engineer Steven Miller, assisted Golub in compiling these tracks. Golub then handpicked many of his favorite artists to add their own contemporary style to the recordings and create something fresh. Although many of the songs on *The Vault*, such as "Funky Is as Funky Does," off 1994's *Avenue Blue* and "Groanin'," off 1999's *Out of the Blue*, will be familiar

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to Golub's longtime fans, these are not the same tracks featured on the original albums. On the contrary, these are alternate versions reworked with newly recorded additions from such artists as Dave Koz, Mindi Abair, Kirk Whalum, Boney James, Jeff Lorber, Gerald Albright, Peter White, Richard Elliot, and others. Released on the heels of a live benefit concert held in New York City to raise funds to pay for Golub's expenses, proceeds from sales of The Vault also go to Golub's family. Ultimately, The Vault works as both a farewell from Golub and a soulful, uplifting tribute to his musical gifts. ---Matt Collar, Rovi

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