

SAXOPHONIST · COMPOSER · PRODUCER · BIRMINGHAM

ALVIN DAVIS

“From Handsworth to the world.”

Biography

Born and raised in Handsworth, Birmingham, Alvin Davis is a saxophonist, composer and producer whose career spans jazz, reggae, soul, funk, rhythm and blues and contemporary music. He began learning the cornet at thirteen and moved on to the trumpet, studying at the Euphonius School of Music under Jonathan Johnson and completing his studies with distinction. The alto saxophone then became his voice. His influences include Stevie Wonder, Earth, Wind & Fire, Grover Washington Jr. and Ronnie Laws.

As a session musician and touring performer he has worked with Maxi Priest, Edwin Starr, Gwen Dickey (Rose Royce), The Foundations, Jackie Graham, Neville Staples, Alton Ellis, Ken Boothe, Macka B, Dennis Alcapone, Dennis Bovell and Nigel Kennedy.

His debut solo album, *Let It Blow* (1992), attracted attention in the United States and received significant radio exposure. Through his own label, Hornblower Productions, he has continued to record and produce his own music, blending jazz, soul, funk and roots reggae, including the projects *Dub the Jazz* and *Roots Instrumentals*. His albums include *Make a Stance* (2019) and *Sweet Bitter Love* (2025).

His performances have taken him to the United States, Thailand, Mexico, Hawaii and South Africa. Alvin has also taught saxophone at the Handsworth and Ladywood Schools of Music in Birmingham, and his influence can be traced through saxophonists including Soweto Kinch, Shabaka Hutchings and Xhosa Cole.

At a glance

PLAYS

Alto saxophone
Tenor saxophone
Soprano saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Flute
Vocals

STYLES

Jazz, reggae, soul, funk, R&B

PERFORMED IN

United States, Thailand, Mexico, Hawaii, South Africa

BASED

Handsworth, Birmingham, UK

Recordings



Sweet Bitter Love
2025



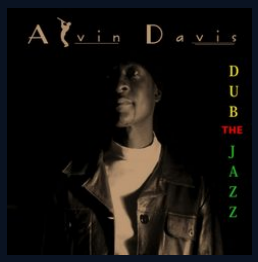
My Homeland
2022



Make a Stance
2019



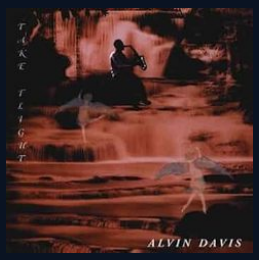
Roots Instrumentals
2017



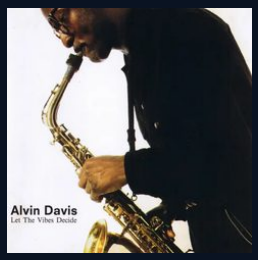
Dub the Jazz
2013



Commotion
2007



Take Flight
1999



Let the Vibes Decide
1994



Let It Blow
1992

Photographs







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