

A black and white photograph of a man, Ken Ford, standing on a city street. He is wearing a light-colored, three-piece suit with a patterned tie. He is holding a violin in his left hand and a bow in his right hand. The background is a blurred city street with trees and buildings.

# KEN FORD

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# Concerts

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**BRUNO MARS**  
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**LALAH HATHAWAY**  
**FRANKIE BEVERLY**  
**BRIAN CULBERTSON**



## Live Performances....

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2007,2009, 2012 Capital Jazz Super Cruise, Bahamas, St. Lucia, Bermuda

2011-77th Heisman Trophy Awards on ESPN

2008 - Capital Jazz Festival MainStage, Maryland

Performed for Maya Angelou, Little Rock, AK

Smooth Jazz 107.5FM's City of Suwanee Jazz Series, Atlanta

DeKalb - Lithonia Summer Music Series, Atlanta

Omaha Riverfront Jazz and Blues Festival. Omaha NE

Wind Down Wednesday Concert Series at Centennial Olympic Park Performed for the National viewed BETJ Lyrics Cafe

Jazz in the Gardens at Dolphin Stadium, Miami

24th Annual Atlanta Jazz Festival

V103FM's Wanda Smith and Friends Comedy Show, Atlanta

Featured artist with MAZE featuring Frankie Beverly AT Alanta Civic Center

DeKalb Jazz and Blues Festival, Atlanta

Guest Artist w/ Jill Scott at The Tabernacle, Atlanta

Guest Artist w/ Jill Scott at Chastain Park Amphitheatre, Atlanta

Performed the Hank Aaron All-Star Weekend Presidential Brunch

14th Annual Montreaux Music Festival

Performed in the 4th of July "Family to Family" Parade

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VH-1's Storytellers with Wyclef Jean - NY

MGM - National Harbor, MD- Springfield, MA

The Grammys with Bruno Mars - 2010

Boys and Girls Clubs of America

The People's Inaugural Ball 2009 - Washington, DC

First Ladies Luncheon for Michelle Obama - Washington, DC - 2014

Heisman Trophy Awards - 2011

Capital Jazz Festival 2021

Capital Jazz Cruises (8 years +)

Smooth Jazz Cruise

Mallorca Jazz Festival - Spain

NFL Super Bowl - Atlanta 2019

NFL National Anthem in Atlanta

NBA National Anthem in Atlanta

Seabreeze Jazz Festival 2022

# Testimonials

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ELECTRIC VIOLINIST KEN FORD

TESTIMONIALS

## What the fans are saying.....

OMG....I saw you at the Capital Jazz Festival in Columbia, MD this past June. You are beautiful, full of life, and your spirit and musical talent is astounding. I love you, your music, and how your music makes me feel. Please come back to the DC, MD, VA area to perform, whether a small venue or large, you will sell out without a doubt. Continue to do what you do and I know I will see you soon. Love you always....

I am a new fan, I saw you perform at the Dekalb Jazz and Blues Fest and was absolutely blown away. You stole the entire weekend and became the highlight of the festival. Your violin skills are extraordinary, and you can bet I will be wherever you are performing especially in and around the Atlanta area. I love your style!!!!

Thank you for coming to Charlotte!! WE LOVE U HERE!! When are you coming back? Last night your performance was so electrifying and intense!! I can't wait to see you on Oprah!! In the meantime, peace and blessings to you and your awesome band!! You all were very stimulating and easy on the eyes!! Many thanks!

Last night, my husband and I attended your concert at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts in

MD. For the second time (2007 Capital Jazz Cruise was the first), we found your music and your performance awesome. I just sent a much deserved request and recommendation to the Oprah Show's website for you to be invited to appear on her show. Best wishes for continued success!

Mr. Ford, I attended your Pre Release CD party/concert in Charlotte, NC at CPCC. I took my mother in law and 5yr old daughter. We were all floored. You were great. I recognized most of the songs you played. I have NEVER signed a guest book but felt the need to express what an amazing gift you have. I told everyone what a great show!!! Keep keepin' on as the story goes!!!! Much blessings and success wished to you!!!

MY HUSBAND AND I AND TWO OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS WERE LUCKY TO BE ON THE FRONT ROW SATURDAY NIGHT IN OMAHA, NE. WOW DO YOU WORK THAT VIOLIN!! I JUST HAD TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT A GREAT SHOW AND TO WISH YOU ALL THE BLESSINGS YOU DESERVE!

Wow, and wow again! I was speechless after seeing you perform at Halton theater in Charlotte, NC. Talented, energized, and pleasing to the eyes is what you are in my

humble opinion. I thank you for sharing your passion with us. Continue to spread your music..

KEN FORD!!!! You are AWESOME! You are a MESMERIZING MUSICIAN! I experienced my first Ken Ford concert at Suwanee Park. The rain only made me want more! I can't wait to see you again. I am your new #1 fan... You are a blessing to all!!!



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**Ken Ford grew up in a home filled with the diverse sounds of jazz, blues, and R&B**

Born on November 14, 1968 in St. Louis, Missouri, Ken lived in Detroit, Michigan with his Parents, before making their permanent home in Atlanta, Georgia. From The Jackson Five and Earth, Wind & Fire concerts to his father's DJ gigs, Ken was immersed in music. Ken's parents recognized a special gift in their only child one night when they overheard him at a party, playing along with an Al Green song note for note on a toy keyboard - long before his first

music lesson! From that point on, they kept an instrument in his hands and eventually led him to the stringed instruments, and at the impressionable age of nine, he settled on the violin.

Throughout school, Ken trained classically to play the violin, which led him to becoming a founding member of the DeKalb Youth Pop's Orchestra. He would also train himself how to play by ear by mocking the popular music heard on the radio. These experiences heightened his determination to continue his training to master the instrument. Always progressive with his music, Ken joined the African American

Philharmonic Orchestra (AAPO) where he had the rare opportunity of performing background orchestral styling for the late,

Ken aspires to give back to the community by developing a non-profit foundation to bring music back into the schools....[learn more](#)

great Barry White. While a member of the AAPO, Ken had the honored privilege to work his way to, and hold the position of Concert Master.

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## During the early years of his career, Ken lived a dual life:

he earned a degree in Computer Information Systems and secured a position at a major technology firm as an IT Programmer; but at night, Ken's passion with the violin landed him in some of Atlanta's hottest jazz spots where he joined his favorite local artists in jam sessions. He wasn't playing the classical music from the orchestra, but instead he was drawing the sounds of jazz and R&B from his violin to electrify audiences. Finding himself unemployed in the mid 90s and with the backing of his family, Ken took a leap of faith to pursue his music fulltime, putting 100% of his energy into the success of his career. Ken refers to these times as "the turning point," and it was full speed ahead.

Ken develops his performances into dynamic and electrifying experiences. His years playing in Atlanta jam sessions and local events had acquired a fan base as well as sparked interest from national and international promoters. He continues to draw a diverse group of music lovers to his performances and leaves his fans in awe as they find themselves jumping out of their seats and moving to the funky, unique sounds of the electric violin.

Ken's efforts pay him in many dividends. He now enjoys a solid and accomplished career, playing along side some of contemporary jazz, soul and R&B greats such as Ledisi, Wayman Tisdale, Wyclef Jean, and Lalah Hathaway. The list goes on and on, and it continues to grow as audiences across the nation are introduced to this electrifying instrumentalist. With five successful CDs under his belt, his first release Burnt Toast,

his sophomore release Chevelle Lane, his third release Right Now, 4th release State Of Mind, and his 5th release Eleven, Ken continues to top the charts.

In addition to creating unique music and entertaining music lovers Worldwide, Ken aspires to give back to the community by developing a non-profit foundation to bring music back into the schools, with a focus on stringed instruments. Ken hopes to inspire young kids to think the word "cool" in association with these instruments, especially the violin.

Despite Ford's undeniable success, he remains to be true to himself and he continues to be grateful and knows that there is still room to grow in his craft as Ken Ford, The King Of Strings!



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## Television & Radio Appearances.....

NATIONAL ANTHEM  
AT GEORGIA DOME  
ATLANTA FALCONS

WSB-TB 58TH  
ANNUAL MACY'S  
TREE LIGHTING

TURNER  
BROADCASTING  
TRUMPET AWARDS

NATIONAL ANTHEM  
AT PHILIPS ARENA  
ATLANTA HAWKS

HALF-TIME AT THE  
"Q" ARENA  
CLEVELAND  
CAVALIERS

ESPN HALF-TIME  
WWITH CLEVELAND  
CAVALIERS

ESPN HEISMEN  
TROPHY AWARDS

PEACHTREE TV W/ JJ  
ON ATLANTA WSB  
WXIA-11 ALIVE  
SPORTS EXTRA

WSB-TB 4TH OF JULY  
PARADE

FOX5 GOOD DAY  
ATLANTA

ATLANTA TONIGHT ON  
UPN

ATL INSIDER ON WATL-  
TV

BETJ LYRICS CAFE

TBS STORYLINE

CBS 46 NEWS  
V103 FM FRANK SKI  
MORNING SHOW

102.5 FM RADIO ONE  
CLASSIC SOUL

91.9 FM WCLK CLARK  
UNIVERSITY

104.7 THE FISH KEVIN  
& TAYLOR MORNING  
SHOW

VH1'S STORYTELLERS  
W/ WYCLEF JEAN

KISS 104.1 R&B  
ART TERRELL  
MORNING SHOW

KISS 104.1 R&B  
w/ SHEA LOVE



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