

## Mo E3- Nu Jazz, Soul & Groove ([Mo E3- YouTube](#))

From the start of his performing career in the mid 1990s pianist/producer [Maurice "Mo" Egeston](#) (website) has made his mark in the St. Louis region as a leader of innovative and popular bands. He currently leads Mo E All-Stars, Coco & Mo and Mo E 3 and has been a member of Brothers Lazaroff since 2008.

As a leader Mo's band career began in Washington Avenue's club district. What followed was a string of successful club residencies, recordings, compilations, global single releases (UJN) and a couple of years of touring. From 1995-2008 Mo's bands included Invincible Groov (the Green Room house band), Vargas/Vargas Swing (residencies at Velvet, The Duck Room/Blueberry Hill, Hi-Pointe & The Trainwreck Saloon), Urban Jazz Naturals (UJN) and Mo & Dawn.



In 2010 **Mo E Trio (Mo E3)** was developed to allow Mo to return to his roots as a pianist. The trio is a flexible ensemble with a focus on the piano trio, groove jazz, funk and soul rhythm section traditions. Egeston, drummer and singer Grover Stewart Jr. and bassist Teddy Brookins have played and recorded together since 2008 as members of Brothers Lazaroff and they have also combined as the Mo E All-Stars since 2010.

As a result of this familiarity and each musician's open approach to the idea of genre Mo E 3 can move effortlessly from groove jazz, to soul, to rock and dance.



*Mo E3 supporting the McKendree University Vocal Jazz Combo*

For feature shows and festivals Mo E3 performs Mo Egeston originals and arrangements. For club, lounge and private event situations the trio's set list includes artists such as Stevie Wonder, James Brown, Daft Punk, Bob Marley, Lisa Stansfield, Marvin Gaye, Santana, Brand New Heavies, Horace Silver, Herbie Hancock, Bill Withers, Musiq, Jill Scott and a wide variety of swing, jazz and groove jazz standards.

For larger events the trio can add guitar, a horn and can feature vocalists including CocoSoul and Mario Pascal.

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