

Below is a summary of the biography. Feel free to use what you see fit for introduction of Chawes.

Please include in your introduction of Chawes that:

1. **People can sign up on Chawes' mailing list**
2. **Chawes' CD's can be purchased at "designated area"**

Chawes' acclaimed debut album "Up Close" (from 2006) propelled him through the sound barrier and into well-earned popularity, sending the singer, pianist and entertainer out on a large-scale tour of Europe, Asia, USA and Canada. With his timeless and sparkling personal bid on vocal jazz/pop/soul in the international league he is one of the few musicians to have sung their way to **Ray Charles'** heart. And he is the only musician ever to sign an **exclusive sponsorship deal** with the crème de la crème of international audio design, **Bang & Olufsen**. The **4-time award-winning** artist is coming back with a new and even more exiting release in fall 2017 that will be followed up by a tour around the world.

QUOTES

- *"You made my night" (Ray Charles).*
- *"Shockingly strong. Impressive album. By far the best Danish vocal jazz artist this year" – Gaffa, Denmark*
- *"Benni Chawes sets new standards" – Jazz Thing, Germany*
- *"Superb velvet voice" – Jazzman Magazine, France*
- *"Funky" – Boston Globe, USA*
- *"Absolutely impressive" – Berlingske Tidende, Denmark*
- *"Magic of such magnitude it left everyone wondering whether it was all an illusion" Østlandsposten, Norway*

AWARDS

- Artist of the Year, Best Jazz Album, Best Jazz Song (CARA recordings awards, USA)
- Outstanding Musicianship (IAJE, USA)

BACKGROUND

- Benni Chawes graduated with honor (cum laude) from the famous Berklee College of Music in Boston.
- He has performed with The Boston Symphony Orchestra and the legendary soul singer Aaron Neville among many others.
- He has toured in 18 countries on three continents (USA, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Germany, France, Israel, Greece, Romania, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Japan and Thailand).
- Benni Chawes appears on 15 albums, two of them as a solo act.
