

# The Princeton University Katzenjammers

2015

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Dearest KatzenFam,

Happy New Year!

We are writing to share the many adventures of the Katzenjammers throughout 2015. We've included updates on our current members as well as snapshots of our favorite moments from our travels to Vermont, upstate New York, and Alabama.

While the Reunions celebrations of 2015 were a blast, it was difficult to let our latest group of seniors go. We are very proud of their accomplishments, both within the group and at Princeton, and we wish them the very best as they begin their careers. We've included their comments on their recent forays into responsible adulthood and their KJ memories.

Make sure to mark your calendars for 8pm on Saturday, March 26th in McCosh Hall 10 for the **Spring 2016 KatzenJam!**

We look forward to celebrating the group with the release of our [new music video for 'Round Midnight](#) and our upcoming CD, *Wonderland*.

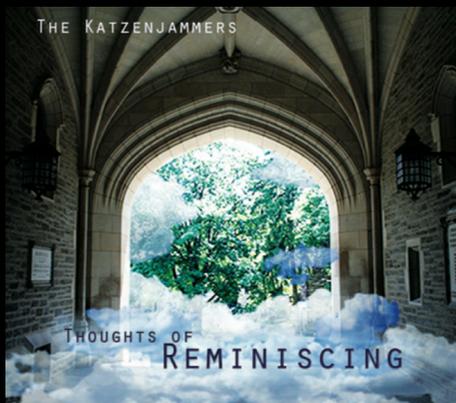


Make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) with [@princetonkjs](#) and please feel free to contact the group anytime at [pukatz@princeton.edu](mailto:pukatz@princeton.edu). We have also included our individual email addresses if you wish to contact members or recent alumni individually. You can access our performance schedule as well as an overview of the group's available CDs and song books on our website: [www.princetonkjs.com](http://www.princetonkjs.com).

We look forward to seeing you at the Jam and wish you all the best in 2016!

Yours,

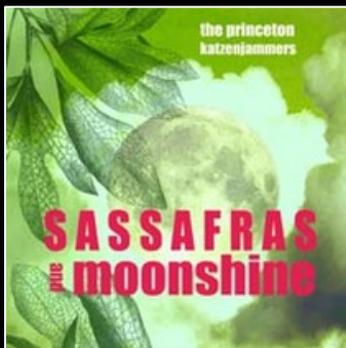
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Michael Mulshine B '16, 2015 Music Director  
& The Princeton Katzenjammers



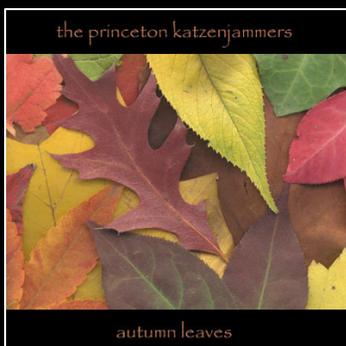
Thoughts of Reminiscing (2013)



Scratching Out a Tune (2008)



Sassafras and Moonshine (2004)



Autumn Leaves (2001)



*The best part of my KJ experience was the opportunity to learn from and grow with other members of the group. There is nothing quite like the thrill of having a great arch sing and realizing that both your individual and the group's collective work and preparation have paid off. — Elliot Horlick T '15*

### Dead Week 2015

The Katzenjammers sought to escape the hustle and bustle that is campus with a trip north to Miles Yucht's (B '15) neck of the woods (Vermont!) over Dead Week. The KJs passed the long drive listening and singing along to jazz, musical theater, pop, and whatever else Abby Kelly (S '15) had stored on her laptop. Along the way, the KJs made stops at the other basses' homes as well, with lunch at David Mazumder's (B '17) in Basking Ridge, NJ, and a sleepover at Mike Mulshine's (B '16) in Queensbury, NY, where many marshmallows were burnt and songs were sung around a cheerful campfire. Highlights at Miles' included two fantastic hikes with the indefatigable Yucht family in the foothills of the Green Mountains, exploring the local May Fair, and making our own pizza from scratch. Thanks goes to all of our hosts along the way, especially the Yuchts, for generously opening their homes to us and for their patience and enthusiasm!

### Beach Week 2015

The week before classes resumed in the fall, the KJs awoke their voices during a warm and sunny stay at the home of Mike Mulshine (B '16) in Queensbury, NY. There, Mike - our host and music director - tried on the hat of yoga instructor as well. When not rehearsing for the upcoming gigs, arches, and auditions, the KJs spent their last days of summer hanging out on Lake George and enjoying cool evening bonfires. A major highlight of the trip was a spontaneous concert in an unoccupied, open-air public amphitheater. The KJs send a big "Thank you!" to the Mulshines for hosting!

Singing with your very talented best friends is an opportunity that seems so present when you're in the thick of it in university, but it's a little harder to find once you've graduated. Enjoy every second while it lasts!

– Tova Bergsten S '15



## ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

### *What do you miss most?*

**Miles:** *Getting to sing every day with a bunch of people who really care about their art and who are also pretty damn good at it too!*

**Abby:** *The people. Like siblings, we pushed each other's buttons sometimes, but we also pushed each other to be better versions of ourselves. We cried and laughed and complained and celebrated and shared our Princeton lives with each other.*

**Elliot:** *What I miss most about the KJs is singing Ryan Brandau's (B'03) arrangement of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" at the holiday arch sing!*

### Fall 2015 Tour: Birmingham, Alabama

The KJs celebrated the end of midterms with a tour down south, trekking out to the home of Katie Raber (A '16) in Birmingham, AL, on Halloween.

The Rabers and their friendly neighbor, Mrs. Ruth Miller, generously opened their doors to the KJs for the week. The KJs split their time singing for and savoring the local fare of restaurants around the Magic City, touring the halls of industry, including a Mercedes-Benz factory, and exploring other amenities in Birmingham. Highlights included the Civil Rights Institute and a bout of bowling. The group was given a warm welcome by the Princeton Alumni Association of Alabama at the Matthews ('85, '86) and Clayton residences and by students at Hoover High School and the Randolph School in Huntsville, where the group later toured NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

A final night across the state border in Atlanta, GA, featured singing "I'll Be Seeing You" with Princeton alumni, including one of our own, Lisa Beale (A '87). A final night saw the group's cultural edification with *The Graduate* and the juniors scrambling to make progress on their junior papers before the Katzenjammers' homecoming.



*I don't think I fully realized until I graduated how amazing it is to sing difficult and high-quality music with such a talented group of musicians. I did realize how rare that combo is. If I could add one thing to my post-college life, it would be singing with a group like the KJs. – Abby Kelly '15*

## The Current Katz

### Teddy DePuy T'16 (Berkeley, CA)

At Princeton, Teddy studies Computer Science. For his senior independent work he is finding the meaning of life! Just kidding. He made a mobile app, which can be useful, too. Teddy has always been a part of many different on-campus groups. His participation in these always seems to be in flux with the exception of the Katzenjammers, who have been the one glorious constant! This year, he joined the Princeton University Chapel Choir and Contrapunctus XIV, a student-led early music group, and has been enjoying a wonderful time in both. After graduation, Teddy is willing to go wherever work takes him.

Eventually, he would love to live and work in the tech industry in or around the Bay Area.

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### Michael Mulshine B'16 (Queensbury, NY)

Mike is a Music major pursuing certificates in Musical Performance via Electronic Media and Applications of Computing. During his time at Princeton, he has taken part in and led an array of musical activities outside of the Katzenjammers. Most recently, he co-directed the Princeton Laptop Orchestra and music directed the student-run early music group, Contrapunctus XIV. He has been heavily involved in managing Princeton Music Outreach and the Princeton Pianists Ensemble. After graduation, Mike intends to enter the unknown as a freelance composer and creative coder in the NYC-Princeton area, developing software and advising creative musical projects. He will work with new instrument developers and composers, including Princeton's own faculty members, Jeff Snyder and Dan Trueman. After some time, he hopes to apply to graduate programs in Music Composition. Mike will definitely miss all of his wonderful peers and friends in the Katzenjammers and hopes to see everyone at Reunions!

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### Katherine Raber A'16

#### (Birmingham, AL)

Katie would prefer to list her hometown as Cleveland, Ohio, but her family recently moved to Birmingham, Alabama, hence the location of the group's fall tour. At Princeton, Katie is majoring in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and will be receiving a certificate in Environmental Studies. She has mixed feelings regarding her upcoming graduation, mostly because she has not yet lined up any jobs. Besides singing with the Katzenjammers, Katie is also a Residential College Advisor in Wilson College for the second year. She hopes to devote more time to her 'zees now that her role as President of the KJs has been passed down. This spring semester, she looks forward to working on her senior thesis, which is about California sea lions, in one library or another around campus.

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## ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

### *What was the best part?*

**Miles:** *It's really tough to pick just one, but I'd have to say, touring with the KJs is an incredible experience (favorite memories include "Red Road!" in Miami, FL, and hanging at Zuma beach in Los Angeles, CA).*

**Maeve:** *The best part about being in the KJs was the support system I had. I was crazy busy with the rest of the performing I did, but I knew that I'd get a huge hug from any KJ I saw even if I hadn't been at rehearsal that week.*

**Tova:** *The best part of being a KJ is that you get to learn from, teach, and work with your best friends to create beautiful music, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime.*



**Marquito Rodriguez  
T'16 (Greenwich, CT)**

Marquito is in the Religion Department, focusing in Islamic Studies. His thesis is about Lebanese Hezbollah - specifically, how it has adopted and adapted Ayatollah Khomeini's "velayat e-faqih" doctrine to Lebanese confessional politics. After graduation, Marquito hopes to work either abroad or with an internationally-oriented NFP or NGO in Washington, D.C. In addition to the Islamic world, he loves working in the Hispanic and Lusophone worlds. Marquito speaks Arabic, Spanish, and Portuguese, and has had experience working in Spain and Jordan. In addition to his active participation in the Katzenjammers, Marquito sings with the Princeton University Glee Club and is an active member of the Triangle Club. Marquito is also a member of Princeton Tower Club.

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**Carey Camel T'17  
(New Orleans, LA)**

Carey is concentrating in the Sociology department and plans to receive certificates in Theater and Spanish. His other on-campus activities include serving on the Managing Board of the Princeton University Players (PUP) as Music Manager. He made his music directing debut in PUP's production of *Little Shop of Horrors* (Fall 2014) and starred in the company's production of *La Cage Aux Folles* in the role of Albin (Spring 2015). This coming spring, Carey plans to study abroad in Lima, Peru, at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú through mid-July before traveling to Canada for a family vacation. In the summer of 2015, Carey attended the Global Seminar in Chile and interned at the 2015 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

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**Abigail Gellman A'17  
(New York City, NY)**

Abby is an American History major pursuing a certificate in African American Studies. Outside of the Katzenjammers, Abby cares deeply about social justice and seeks to reform America's criminal justice system. Abby is the Co-President of Princeton's Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR) for which she leads meetings and activities and works to educate the organization's members on criminal justice reform, pursue research and advocacy projects around all areas of the carceral state (from the school to prison pipeline, sentencing, and prison conditions, to post-incarceration), and organize an annual conference. Abby corresponds with someone in solitary confinement to provide human contact and tutors incarcerated people at a youth correctional facility for their GEDs once a week. Last semester, she taught a six-week résumé-building and interview-preparation course at a women's prison. Abby also works on dialogue programming as a student intern at the Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding. Aside from these passions, she loves to travel, and, after graduation, she hopes to pursue a fellowship abroad and work in the nonprofit sector on social justice and human rights issues.

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ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

*Any advice to Newbies?*

**Abby:** *Get to know your other KJs one-on-one. It's hard to get to know people really well in the big group rehearsals, and being new in a group that is so close-knit can be overwhelming. When you start to hang out and build relationships with other KJs, beautiful things happen -- the music gets better and you suddenly have a family on campus.*

**Maeve:** *I'd tell a newbie KJ to relax and soak it all in. KJ rehearsals tend to move at a quick pace, but don't worry; you'll get it all and even have some fun too!*

**Elliot:** *The awesome thing about the KJs is that the more you give, the more you get. My advice to a KJ newbie would be to commit to the group wholeheartedly. Anyone who does so will graduate with an incredibly close group of friends, a newfound appreciation for music, and an obsession with all things green.*



**David Mazumder B'17  
(Basking Ridge, NJ)**

David is majoring in Molecular Biology. He served as Tour Manager for the group last year and is excited to do so again this year! Outside of the Katzenjammers, David serves as Treasurer for the Pianists' Ensemble and counsels and acquires food for his freshmen advisees as a Residential College Adviser in Wilson College. In his free time, David enjoys reading history and working in a neuroscience lab. In the fast-approaching wilds beyond Princeton, David fantasizes about running around in a lab as an MD/PhD student.

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**Elana Meer S'17  
(Los Angeles, CA)**

Elana is concentrating in Neuroscience and hopes to apply to medical school in the coming year. On campus outside of the Katzenjammers, she plays club field hockey and is involved in Music is Medicine, an organization that brings together different campus musical groups to sing at hospitals and hospice communities. Elana gets irrationally excited about Neuroeconomics and is currently working on a project exploring how perspective-taking can influence socially contextualized decision-making with respect to giving behavior. Last summer she worked in biomedical research, investigating treatment options for neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Huntington's disease. For her spring junior work and senior thesis, Elana will likely study how different neurodegenerative diseases and psychological behaviors impact goal-directed behavior.

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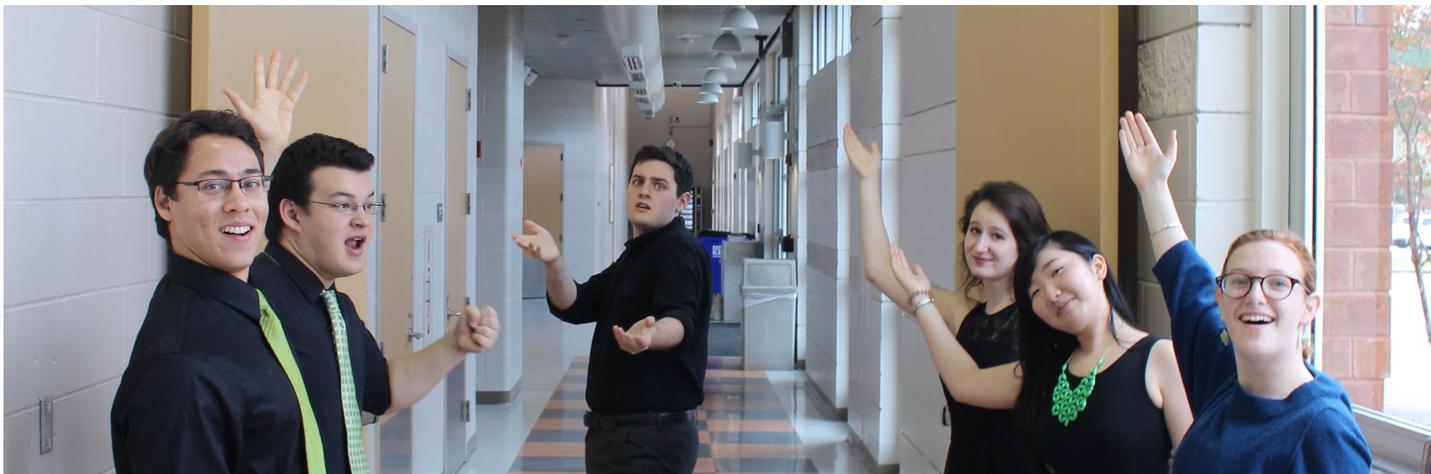


**Catherine Blume A'18  
(Wheaton, IL)**

Following a year of far too many proofs, Katie has finally escaped the dusty chalkboards of Fine Hall by deciding to major in Physics with a potential certificate in Statistics and Machine Learning. In addition to the Katzenjammers, Katie also sings in the Princeton University Chapel Choir and currently takes care of the stylish robes that the choir sports every Sunday. Katie also serves as a mentor for the Association of Women and Minorities in STEM, helping freshmen navigate the world of math and physics egos and the shock of writing proofs for the first time. A long-time runner, Katie is a member of Team U, an organization that plans endurance events to raise money for charity. In the future, Katie hopes to undertake solar physics research, possibly for NASA or the Air Force. In the meantime, she enjoys origami, *Lord of the Rings* marathons, and artisanal cheese.

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**Isabelle Kim A'18  
(Wyckoff, NJ)**

This spring, Isabelle will be deciding whether she will declare herself as a Woodrow Wilson School or Politics major, but in either case, she plans to receive a certificate in Chinese Language and Culture. Outside of the Katzenjammers, Isabelle sings with the Princeton University Glee Club (which is headed to South Africa for an Intersession tour!), and she is actively involved in Manna Christian Fellowship. This coming summer, Isabelle might travel to South Korea to participate in a language program or complete an internship, but she might also find herself with an internship in New York City.

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**Faridah Laffan S '18  
(Princeton, NJ)**

Although she was born in Australia and still has the accent, Faridah has lived in Princeton for the last eleven years and knows the suburbs of that thriving metropolis better than most of her classmates. She is a History major and plans on receiving certificates in Latin American Studies and Portuguese. Faridah sings a lot outside of the Katzenjammers, mainly in the Princeton University Glee Club and Contrapunctus XIV. This summer, Faridah hopes to spend time in Recife, Brazil, to complete research for her junior paper. She won't be swimming, though; apparently the waters near Recife are the most heavily shark-infested in the world, and, although she's technically Australian, her years in the USA have diluted her Steve Irwin-like instincts around wild animals. Next fall, Faridah plans to study abroad in Lisbon, Portugal, to improve her language skills and confirm whether Portuguese wine is really as good as it's cracked up to be.

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## KATZ OF THE RECENT PAST

### Elliot Horlick T'15 (Washington, D.C.)

At Princeton, Elliot majored in Chemical and Biological Engineering and received certificates in Engineering Biology and Vocal Performance. For his thesis, he worked with Professor Mark Brynildsen, modeling bacterial metabolism in response to oxidative stress in an effort to develop novel antibacterial treatments to which bacteria cannot become resistant. During his time at Princeton, Elliot also sang in the Princeton University Glee Club. Elliot currently works in the legal department of a software company just outside of Washington, D.C., where he assists primarily with patent acquisition and software licensing matters. He also sings in the Choral Arts Society of Washington with several other young Princeton alumni. After working for two years, Elliot plans on attending law school and pursuing a career as a patent attorney. Elliot feels incredibly blessed to be a part of the KJ family, and he would love to arrange get-togethers in the D.C. area. [ehorlick11@aol.com](mailto:ehorlick11@aol.com)

### Tova Bergsten S'15 (New York City, NY)

At Princeton, Tova majored in Chemistry and spent a great deal of her senior year happily in the lab of Professor John Groves working on her thesis about the mechanism and enantioselectivity of a manganese-catalyzed C-H azidation reaction. Perhaps more exciting than finishing her thesis, Tova wrote a paper with a graduate student, which was published in the *Journal of the American Chemistry Society*. While she enjoyed her time in the classroom and the lab, Tova loved taking "breaks" by attending rehearsals of the Princeton University Glee Club and the Katzenjammers. The friendships formed through her experiences with music at Princeton are Tova's favorite take away from her time at the University. After graduation, Tova moved to New York City where she works at a small pharmaceutical company developing drugs for the treatment of fibromyalgia, PTSD, and chronic headache. While being in the City is great fun, Tova most enjoys that her work makes a difference in improving the lives of many patients. She is not yet sure when she'd like to return to school, but intends to attain a PhD or an MD/PhD in the near future. [tova.bergsten@gmail.com](mailto:tova.bergsten@gmail.com)

### Maeve Brady A'15 (Cranston, NJ)

While at Princeton, Maeve was a Psychology major with a certificate in Theater. Like most of her life at Princeton, her thesis was about theater: she studied the audience and actor shared experience during performances. Maeve also had a bunch of fun doing a solo cabaret act about musical theater stereotypes. Maeve was also a member of Princeton Triangle Club, performing in all four fall shows during her time there. If it's not already obvious enough, Maeve was a very active member of the student theater community and the Lewis Center for the Arts. Maeve is currently back home in lovely Cranford, NJ, applying for MFA acting graduate programs. She is very much looking forward to auditions at the end of January and beginning of February. [mmbrady21@gmail.com](mailto:mmbrady21@gmail.com)

### Miles Yucht B'15 (San Francisco, CA)

Miles graduated with a B.A. in Computer Science. During his senior year, he studied how to prove that computer programs behave in a specified way and used this mechanism to prove some of his own programs to be correct, building on the foundational work of his adviser, Dr. Andrew Appel. Some of Miles's most lasting and delightful memories of Princeton outside of academic work come from experiences in the Katzenjammers, from the standard rehearsals and tours across the country to late nights in the KJ room and early-morning pickups. With the KJs, Miles got to sit on the Hollywood sign, go tubing in Sarasota, FL, enjoy an absolutely delectable and decidedly alcoholic Hand Grenade in New Orleans, LA, and more. After graduating, Miles worked with fellow Katzenjammer Mike Mulshine (B '16) on a project with Professor Dan Trueman in the Music Department on the Nostalgic-Synchronic Digital Prepared Piano, porting it to iOS to be used in a [MOOC course for modern compositional techniques](#). Miles moved to China for the summer to study Chinese at Beijing Normal University as a participant in the Princeton in Beijing study-abroad program. Since mid-September, he has been living in San Francisco with three friends from Princeton's class of '15. Currently, Miles works at a startup called [Databricks](#), which specializes in making data analysis easy for companies with huge amounts of data. For the meanwhile, he is really thrilled with the current job but plans to return to graduate school to continue studying computer science or music (or maybe both!). [mgyucht@gmail.com](mailto:mgyucht@gmail.com)



### Abigail Kelly S'15 (San Francisco, CA)

Abby graduated from Princeton with a B.A. in Religion, where she focused on religion in American history and society. Her thesis, advised by Eric Gregory, looked at Quakers in the 1960s and 1970s, specifically turning to protest music, sacred music, politics, and the power of songbooks to find answers about the way that religious groups shape their identity and narrative. Now in the real world in San Francisco, there's a lot to miss about Princeton. Aside from countless hours spent with her KJ family, Abby worked in the Writing Center, helping other students on writing of all kinds and training other Writing Fellows to be good tutors. Abby also sang in the Princeton University Chapel Choir, where she was President as a senior. Abby also did some tutoring in NJ prisons through the Petey Green Society. Abby ate many long meals with friends in dining halls and at Terrace Club's beat-up green tables. Though she misses Old Nassau, life on the West Coast is treating her well! Before starting work this summer, she hiked 250 miles in the Sierras along the John Muir Trail with other '15 grads. In August, Abby started working in recruiting and enrollment for Envision Schools, a small charter network in the Bay Area. She has amazing apartment-mates and San Francisco is a really fun place to live as a young person, so she welcomes anyone coming through the Bay Area to send her a message! [abigailmacykelly@gmail.com](mailto:abigailmacykelly@gmail.com)

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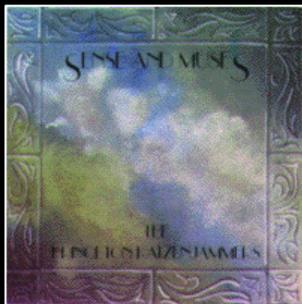
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Midnight Comes Around



Senses and Muses



Time After Time



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You'll be hearing from us soon with updates about newbies, Jam, Reunions, and more.

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