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**For Immediate Release: *Looking Forward: Ken Berman's Extraordinary New Album*
Featuring Kai Eckhardt and Akira Tana out January 1st!**

Looking Forward features eight inspirational original tracks showcasing Ken Berman's distinctive sound as a composer and pianist, leading a dynamic trio including bass virtuoso **Kai Eckhardt** and the phenomenal **Akira Tana** on drums. "When listening to Ken Berman's trio," noted jazz critic Scott Yanow writes, "it is easy to think of Keith Jarrett and Bill Evans, for Berman's chord voicings and his close interplay with his sidemen recall the work of his two predecessors. The difference is that Berman wrote all selections, he never copies Evans or Jarrett, and at times he sounds more advanced than either of them." *Le Monde* hailed Ken Berman as a "fluid and erudite" composer and performer whose "complex improvisations are imbued with delicate sensuality and brilliance." *Looking Forward* at once brings to mind the classic trios of Pat Metheny, Keith Jarrett, and Bill Evans while at the same time maintaining a completely fresh and inimitable modern sound.

Ken Berman has appeared on the famed stages of **Carnegie Hall** in New York, **Yoshi's** in San Francisco, the **Museum of Fine Arts** in Boston, Detroit's **Fox Theater**, **Hertz Concert Hall** in Berkeley, and **The Sunside** in Paris. He has performed and recorded with Kai Eckhardt, Akira Tana, Bob Moses, Yoron Israel, John Lockwood, Bob Gullotti, Jaleel Shaw, Take Toriyama, and others. His work has been the subject of radio features on radio stations KCSM in San Francisco, KPFA in Berkeley and KZSU in Palo Alto: his last release *In Mind* was ranked among the *top* 15 jazz releases of 2006 on the "Jazz With Bob Parlocha" website and was playlisted at jazz radio stations in the United States, Europe and Japan. Ken Berman, on the faculty of the Music Department at the UC Berkeley, and also teaching at Stanford University, performs regularly on the West Coast.

Ken Berman's cds are available at CdBaby.com and Amazon.com, as well as on iTunes.

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