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Husband and wife team Phil and Angela Benoit head up this Maui based jazz group that has been performing since 1997.

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Angela Benoit was born and raised in the sleepy town of Paia on the island of Maui. She has been singing virtually all of her life and has been performing professionally for 20+ years.

Phil Benoit is from Southern California and moved to Hawaii in the late 70s. He started playing the clarinet at a young age and picked up the guitar as a teenager. A self-taught guitarist, he has also been performing professionally for more than two decades.

Together they head up the Maui-based jazz group “Benoit Jazzworks” and enjoy playing their own original music, jazz standards, boss nova, pop and Hawaiian swing. Angela possesses a lovely easy-to-listen-to voice that defies comparison. Phil provides a smooth and swinging guitar to the group. They have produced and released three cds, one EP and will have a fourth recording ready for release in late 2019. They have performed in clubs, concert venues, private house concerts and more all over Hawaii and the west coast. They still perform regularly on Maui and tour the west coast annually.

They currently live in the upcountry town of Makawao on Maui and have two grown children – Kendall who lives on Maui and Max who lives in Seattle.

Listed below are performance highlights and recording titles:

Maui Pops Orchestra with David Benoit for the “Winter Pops” series at the Castle Theater in the Maui Arts & Cultural Center - Kahului, HI

Concert with David Benoit at the Tempe Center For The Performing Arts - Tempe, AZ

Show at the Sound Bites Grill - Sedona, AZ

Show at The Nash club - Phoenix, AZ

Show at The Lounge in the Comedy & Magic Club - Hermosa Beach, CA

Show at Christo’s Pizzeria & Lounge - Salem, OR

Concert at the Doris Duke Theater - Honolulu, HI

Concert with Bill Mays at the McCoy Theater in the Maui Arts & Cultural Center – Kahului, HI

Red Clay Jazz Festival - Lihue, HI

Concert for Kauai Concert Association at the Kauai Community College Performing Arts Center – Lihue, HI

Show at Ward’s Rafters in Kaimuki, HI

Concert with Willie Nelson (Phil with Gypsy Pacific) at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center in Kahului, HI

Recording catalog:

All Caught Up In You (2019)

Songs For Java (2014)

Golden Sun (2010)

A Man And A Woman (2005)

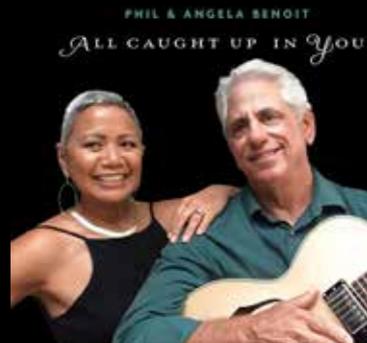
Watch What Happens (2001)

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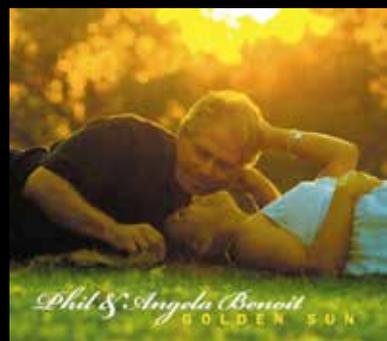
All Caught Up In You (2019)

On this their fifth release, Phil & Angela go for a bit more of an acoustic sound featuring original music, some choice standards and a tune written by Phil's brother David. There are also some surprise guest artists that add to a great mix of musicianship and fun.



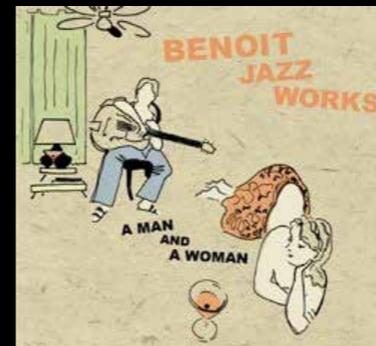
Songs For Java (2014)

This EP is the fourth recording for Phil and Angela with three tunes of hip, swinging music. It highlights two new originals, "All Caught Up In You" and "Song For Java" – an instrumental bossa nova Phil wrote for their dog Java and featuring David Benoit on the piano. All three songs are up-tempo, lively and candy for the ears.



Golden Sun (2010)

Their most recent release features three original compositions (including the title track, "Golden Sun"), and is their most personal performance. Angela's heartfelt vocals, Phil's smooth guitar and beautiful arrangements from friend and bass player/producer Marcus Johnson make this a special collection of songs. The Benois again collaborate with Phil's brother David, writing lyrics for his tune "Six P.M." David also appears on the Bill Evans' tune "Waltz for Debby". The late legendary Grammy award-winning percussionist, Ralph MacDonald, also adds his flavors on several tunes. "Golden Sun" was also nominated for a Nā Hoku Hanohano award in 2011 and is popular among their followers.



A Man And A Woman, 2005

This second release is full of fun tunes, great performances and cool artwork! Phil and Angela teamed up to write lyrics for David Benoit's "Swingin' Waikiki." David also performs on "Stella By Starlight" which features a guitar intro and outro by their late father, Bob Benoit. Angela really steps up her game here, and Phil is joined by his gypsy jazz bandmates on "What A Little Moonlight Can Do." It's a great listen with some stellar performances!



Watch What Happens (2001)

Phil and Angela's first release, features tunes from the Great American Songbook as interpreted by the smooth vocals of Angela Benoit. Also featured is David Benoit performing his composition, "Some Other Sunset." It was then that the Benois came up with the name "Benoit JazzWorks" to signify all the great friends, musicians and behind-the-scenes personnel that went into this freshmen effort. Nominated for a Nā Hoku Hanohano award (the Hawaiian Grammys) for "Best Jazz Album", it has received great reviews and is easy to listen to.

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“Wherever you find them, go and treat yourself. It is impossible not to smile when you hear Angela’s smooth, lush voice dancing playfully with Phil’s virtuoso guitar. He can somehow make six strings sound like three instruments at once. Wrap that all up in the obvious love between them and you can’t help but end the evening feeling better.”

—Candace Croteau, Executive Vice President/Maui Arts & Cultural Center

“Whether it’s just the two of them performing at a dinner show or fronting a band in a large venue, they charm you like you’re sitting in their family room listening to them at a family party.”

— Jack Gist, Air Talent/ Program and Music Director, KAOI Radio Group; Musician/ Entertainer

“Phil and Angela are consummate professionals. Their repertoire is vast, from the Great American Song Book to Salsa and Bossa Nova, all of which is done with excellence and fine taste.”

—Paul Janes-Brown, Columnist at the “Weekly Dish”
(KAOI 1110 AM, 96.7 FM Maui) Freelance writer

“I have enjoyed Angela and Phil’s music for many years;
always a treat to hear Hawaii’s own Tuck and Patti.”

—Eric Gilliom, Musician/Actor/Director

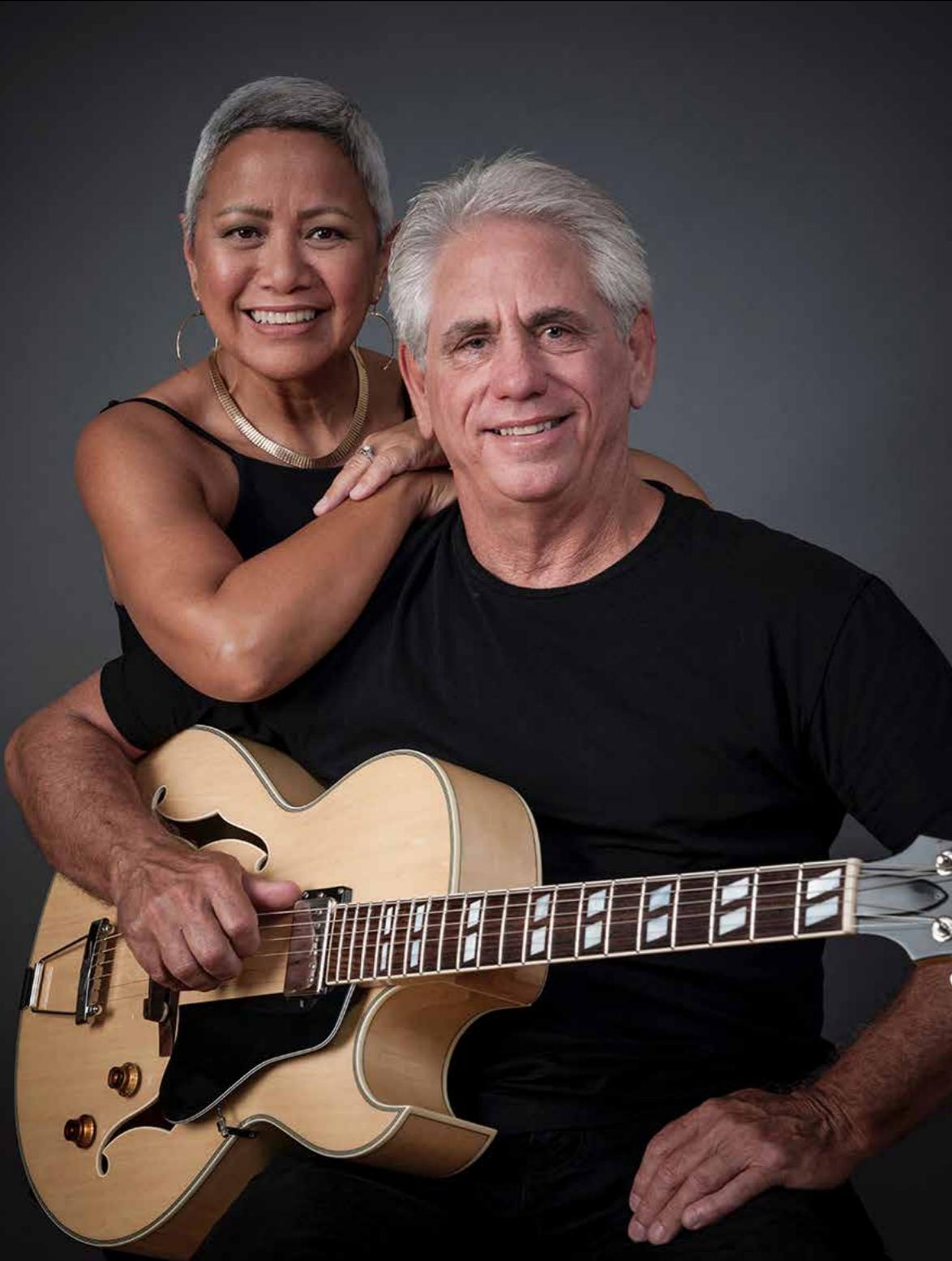
“I’ve enjoyed hearing Phil and Angie, both live and on CDs, for several years.
I count them as good friends, fine musicians and great entertainers.”

—Bill Mays, Jazz Pianist/Composer/Arranger

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