

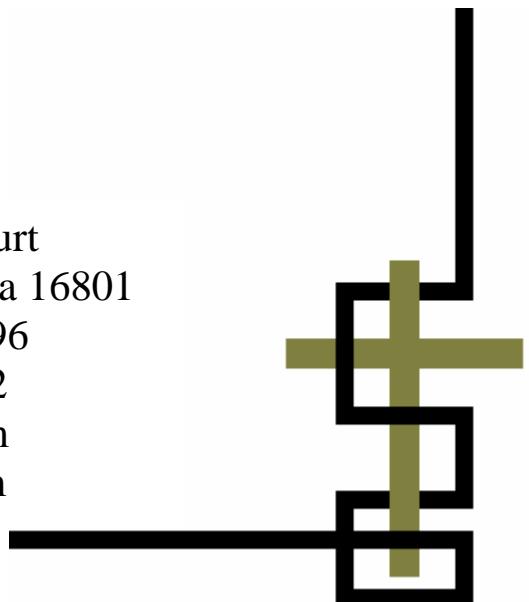
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Chiz Rider Ministries exists to declare through music and testimony the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We strive to bring to believers encouragement and edification by generating praise and worship to the Lord within each heart. To a world lost in sin, we present the claim of Christ that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Only through His shed blood can sinners come to a saving knowledge of our Lord. We communicate this message with a challenge for those not yet spiritually alive to accept Jesus Christ into their hearts as Lord and Savior of their lives, assuring them of His eternal love and forgiveness of sin. We do this in all denominations and in many different situations without compromising the message of Jesus Christ.

Being in ministry for close to 35 years has taught me a lot about myself, people and, most importantly, Jesus Christ. Waking up everyday to serve Him in all ways is the greatest joy in my life.

God has blessed our ministry throughout the years with provisions and talents that only can come from Him. It has never been easy. However, our driving force in ministry is the joy we have in performing tasks for the Kingdom and knowing we're pleasing God.

Some places where we minister make me wonder, "God, Why are we here? What can we do here? This isn't what we are geared for." But by the end of the day or by the time it is needed, God's plan is revealed. First Timothy 4:15 states, "*Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*"

I truly have been blessed with a beautiful wife who has incredible strength and support for this ministry. God has given me four wonderful children who do not complain when I'm gone for days and weeks at a time.

With the long drives, the setups, the tear-downs, the practice times, the rehearsal times, the concert preps and much more, the "glamour" is lost. But every second is worth it when one life is changed. Our ministry has seen hundreds of people come to Christ. That is our mission! That is our ministry! That is what God has called us to do, fulfill the Great Commission! That is what we will continue to do!



Past Performances

Chiz Rider performs over 250 concerts annually throughout North America as well as several international tours. He has performed with such popular Christian artists as Carman, Margaret Becker, DC Talk, Newsboys, Cindy Morgan, Apologetics, Skillet, Larnell Harris, and Michael W. Smith. He has also performed at a Billy Graham Crusade and numerous times at the Crystal Cathedral.

Chiz played for President Bush as well as several multi-state governors' prayer breakfasts. He has also performed at the opening ceremonies of the Pennsylvania and West Virginia Special Olympics.

Chiz has several videos out, one of which has won an Emmy for "Outstanding Broadcast Performance" The same video has played on Light Music and VH-1



Biography

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) This verse is one that we, as a ministry, have always focused on because we know that God will be there wherever we go and whatever we do.

Chiz accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior when he was seven years old. By then he had been playing the trumpet for three years, having discovered his father's high school instrument in a closet when he was four. Since then, he has dedicated himself and his music to Jesus Christ.

At age seven he made his concert debut in his home church in Pennsylvania; national touring began during his last years in high school. His first recording at age 15, was a custom cd titled, '*CHIZ*', soon followed by '*COLORS IN BRASS*', his debut on the Myrrh label was '*CHIZ RIDER*', followed by '*SOLD ON SALVATION*', '*TO THE ONE I PRAISE*', and '*A BIG BAND CHRISTMAS*'. He collaborated with some of America's most talented instrumentalists on '*POWER PRAISE*', and, '*GENTLE WORSHIP*' and now has a new cd out of his own called "*LIVE WORSHIP*".

Ninety per cent self-taught, he began by imitating songs he heard on the radio. He later studied for a short time under the direction of Don Smith, then assistant Penn State University Blue Band director, and David O'Neill of Nashville. Chiz' fresh musical style embodies a jazz/pop sound that has been influenced by such versatile jazz musicians as Wynton and Branford Marsalis, Maynard Ferguson, Louis Armstrong and Jon Faddis.

Chiz and his crew maintain an active national touring schedule, including performances of the national anthem prior to major league sports event. In addition, his video, "Fast Forward", has shown worldwide on the Christian broadcast, "Light music", as well as the video channel, VH1. Three 30-minute television programs on Chiz currently air nationally. The first, '*CHIZ*' features him playing traditional hymns and patriotic songs in church and nature settings. The second, released in February 1993, "*CHIZ RIDER FAST FORWARD*", reflects the contemporary flavor of his newer music. Both have won public television awards for performance including a regional Emmy for "*CHIZ RIDER FAST FORWARD*" in the category of Outstanding Entertainment Broadcast.

Chiz' trumpet ministry appeals to a wide age range. From the heartfelt "Amazing Grace," which he played at a Billy Graham Crusade, to the high energy contemporary sounds of "SOS", which he plays at youth concerts, the music and ministry of Chiz Rider is reaching people for Christ.



Chiz Rider concert at the Gazebo

Emmy Award-winning trumpeter Chiz Rider will bring a blend of traditional and contemporary Christian music to the Ridgway Gazebo on Sunday, July 30th at 4:00 p.m. In his own totally unique style—yet reminiscent of the great Louie Armstrong & Wynton Marsalis, Charles “Chiz” Rider has spread Christ’s message of love and salvation to millions. Featured with a Bill Graham Crusade, major colleges, conference centers and churches across the land, this committed your man from St. College will touch the hearts of everyone attending this Sunday afternoon concert.

Since the age of 4, Chiz has been refining his contemporary “pop-jazz” style to present the great music of the church that is still beautifully traditional. You have to be present to “feel” each note.

From “Amazing Grace” to the “Ole Tyme Religion” and

vibrant patriotic arrangement, you will be deeply moved. Chiz is 90% self-taught. He began by imitating songs on the radio, and later studied with Penn State’s band director, Don Smith. His first major concert was at the age of 7, and he became the youngest artist to be signed by Myrrh Records since Amy Grant.

Chiz has played openings for many professional sports events world-wide. He played for President Bush’s campaign and the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics in W. VA and PA. Chiz has also played with renown artists such as Michael W. Smith, Carmen, Margaret Becker, DC Talk, The Newsboys, and Larnel Harris. Chiz’s music will prove itself to be enjoyed by all ages and a free-will offering will be taken. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Ridgway Alliance Church, 126 S. Mill Ave.



Rider wows crowd at East Swamp

By CHRISTIE REISH

Quakertown Free Press Staff

On the cool, August evening, a brassy rendition of "Amazing Grace" joins the stars to fill the sky. The crowd surrounding the stage sits motionless, spellbound by the powerful notes which flow from the trumpet-adorned silhouette. The last of the day's sunlight dips below the horizon as the last of the song's notes fade into the atmosphere.

The musician lifts his head in the magic pause following this last song

Chiz Rider a trumpeter dedicated to ministry through his music, visited Quakertown's East Swamp Mennonite Church Sunday evening to perform as part of the church's drive-in worship service. In both slow and faster-paced songs, the musician inspired his fans through the use of lights, high-performance sound, and pyrotechnics.

The performer had the crowd out of their seats for the greater part of the show; those who watched the performance from their cars blared their

Own horns at the close of Rider's most explosive songs.

A great crowd of fans greeted Rider at his promotional table following the performance, offering posters and slips of papers to accept his autograph.

That Chiz Rider is self-encouraged is evident through his obvious talent. That Rider is, in return, encouraging?

That much is evident through his music.

Full house expected for Rider Methodist church encore

BY LYNN SMITH

Sun Contributor

Emmy Award-winning trumpeter Chiz Rider will bring a blend of traditional and contemporary Christian music to Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church during an encore concert Sunday, June 20 at 3 p.m. The program will be enhanced by a dazzling display of large-screen videos as well as special lighting and sound.

Some of Rider's career highlights follow:

- When not recording for the Myrrh record label, Rider plays over 200 concerts annually throughout North America and all over the world.

- He won an Emmy Award in the category Outstanding Broadcast Performance for PBS' "Chiz Rider, Fast Forward."

- His performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" has earned rave reviews at numerous sporting events.

- He has appeared in the Pittsburgh Billy Graham Crusade and at the Crystal Cathedral.

- His best known recording is a version of "Amazing



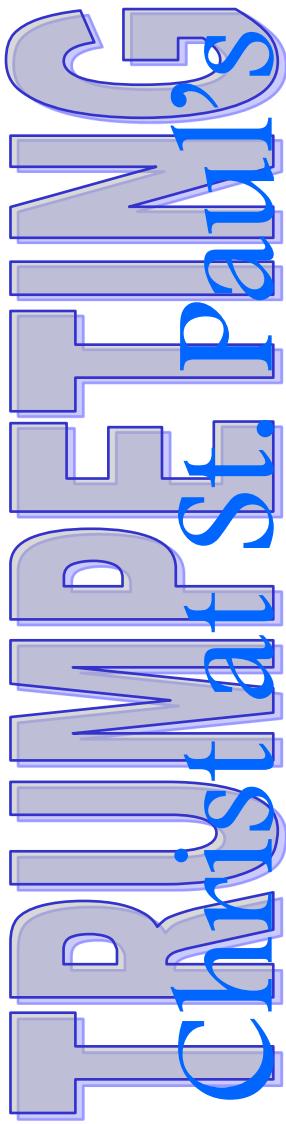
Grace," which is also his favorite hymn.

- When he was four, Rider discovered his father's trumpet in a closet and has been playing ever since. His parents insisted he play only religious music rather than secular, which helped him realize his talent was a gift of

God—a gift he would use to serve the Lord.

The concert is free and a "thank offering" will be collected. The public is invited; however, seating is limited.

Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church is located on Westchester Drive, a half mile south of Peavine Road.



Chiz Rider is renowned for his trumpet playing by both secular and Christian artists, but for his personal projects, he chooses to perform contemporary Christian and gospel songs.

Chiz Rider performs Christian concert Sunday

By **THOMAS BROWN**
T&D Staff Writer

Putting a different twist in traditional and contemporary Christian music, award-winning trumpeter Chiz Rider will present a concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Renowned in both Christian and secular musical circles, ministry is the first priority of Chiz and his Brass Plus Ministries group. Reminiscent of the jazz greats Louie Armstrong and Wynton Marsalis but in his own style, through his music Chiz has spread Christ's message of love and salvation to millions.

He has been featured in a Billy Graham Crusade and at colleges, conferences and churches across the country.

Since he was four, Chiz has been refining his contemporary pop-jazz style to present the great music of the church. He became the youngest artist to be signed by Myrrh Records since Amy Grant. From "Amazing Grace" to "Ole Tyme Religion" and patriotic arrangements, his music proves to be a treat for all ages.

His recordings include Christmas albums, praise and worship, traditional hymns, contemporary Christian, and patriotic music.

There is no charge for the concert at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, but a love offering will be taken.

“Chiz' skill on the trumpet cannot come from anyone else but God. I've helped other groups set up and tear down and they are not willing to take a few minutes to talk with the youth or the people who are helping. The result of their unfriendliness was disrespect for their group. The way Chiz and his crew related to the youth and to the volunteers who helped set up and tear down were wonderful. It means a lot to a young person when an adult (especially an entertainer and his crew) is willing to spend a few minutes talking to them.”

Lisa R. Dewes
Director of Youth Ministries
First United Methodist Church
Burlington, IA

“It's always a joy to be around Chiz and his crew, because they are real men of God. They focus on what they're there to do.”

Bob Harder
Greenwood Christian Church
Greenwood, IN

“His music, His horns, His message got through to me loud and clear, and turned my life around 180 degrees, and let God back in. Why a young man with a horn should unlock the door is a mystery. For this I will be eternally grateful. Thank you for giving back my joy and happiness.”

B.D.
Hollister, CA

“Chiz Rider is the most exciting young contemporary Christian musician that has come by in a long, long time. He is musically comparable to Phil Driscoll, and is absolutely unaffected by his anointing by God. There is no arrogance or egotism in him. His genuineness, willingness, warmth and caring come through. He is a very special young man.”

Arlene Wiliams, Producer
Cornerstone Television, Inc.
Pittsburgh, PA

“You will find [Chiz] to be full of mature faith. It comes through in all his music, but also shows up behind the scenes. He desires first to draw people closer to the Lord.”

Rev. Leon Weece
First Christian Church
Miami, OK

“Chiz' musicianship is excellent and his sensitivity during set-up and the concert is phenomenal.”

Scott Simpson
Perrysburg Alliance Church
Perrysburg, OH

“We were really pleased with the overall communication with the people. They weren't entertained, but ministered to.”

Mrs. Steven Hicks
Eagle Heights Bible Church
Howard, PA



Endorsements

"It always impresses me that Chiz relates to all age groups, from the little guys to the older folks. My teens were very excited."

Youth Pastor Greg Walsh
Community Alliance Church
Hinesburg, VT

"Chiz is a very, very dynamic minister of the gospel with a pure heart and passion for the Lord. He has a dynamic testimony. A refreshing concert that uplifts the spirit."

Theresa White
Williamette Valley Wesleyan
Wilson, OR

"Being a trumpeter myself, Chiz is truly one of the best trumpeters I've ever heard. A great blend of styles to make-up his own. Truly professional and spiritual as well"

Eric Lathrop
Calvary Bible Church
Whitehouse Station, NJ

"He was very well received by the audience. They were impressed with how easy he was to work with and his attitude is great. Chiz is more a 'What can I do for you and how can I serve your church' instead of 'I expect this from you.' That is not usual and we appreciated that."

Pastor David Sauder
First Wesleyan Church
Bradford, PA

"Thank you so much you were such a blessing for our church and our youth. The way you took time in the beginning to talk to them was wonderful. It really meant a lot to them."

Pastor Barbara Rhodes
St Paul's United Church of Christ
Woodstock, VA

"Chiz always does a tremendous job. He is very spiritually leading whenever he plays. It always makes a big impact on the kids when he is with us."

Stephen Gallagher
IMPACT
Huntingdon, PA

"I liked your concert at our church. It was cool. I'm glad that you are coming back so I can watch you again. I play trumpet for my school band. It is fun. I hope I can be as good as you. Thank you for spreading the Word of Jesus!"

Keith
11 year old boy
Johnstown, PA

CHIZ RIDER ALBUMS

Chiz

Released 1989

Traditional hymns praise songs:

Amazing Grace
It Is Well With My Soul
Majesty
Old Time Religion
In This Very Room
Unshakeable Kingdom
He That Believeth
Jericho
Via Dolorosa

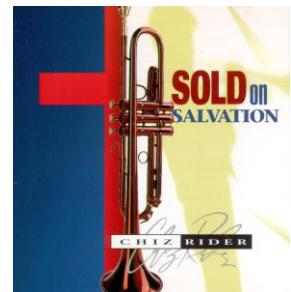


Sold on Salvation

Released 1997

A mixture of cover tunes
to originals:

Trumpet of Jesus
In The Light
S.O.S. (Sold On Salvation)
Rise Again
Psalm 56:13
Heaven's Rain
Just A Closer Walk With Thee
Peace Like A River
Lasagna
Our God Reigns
Together

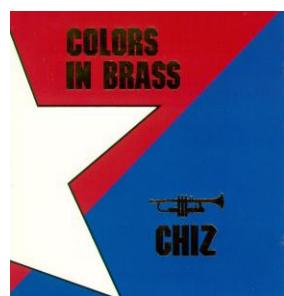


Colors in Brass

Released 1991

A patriotic album:

Star Spangled Banner
Battle Hymn Of The Republic
God Of Our Fathers
Doxology, Old One Hundreds
This Is My Country
America The Beautiful
God Bless America

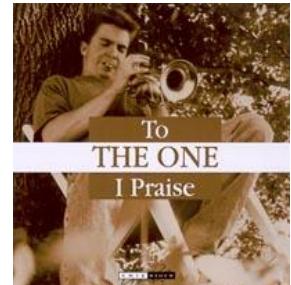


To the One I Praise

Released 2002

A praise and worship album:

You're Worthy Of My Praise
Step By Step
Shout To The Lord
Open The Eyes Of My Heart
Draw Me Close
We Fall Down
Holy, Holy, Holy
I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever
Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
My Life Is In You Lord

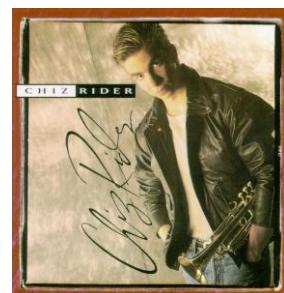


Chiz Rider

Released 1992

A contemporary album:

Fast Forward
Pork Burrito
Look To The Eastern Sky
What's Next?
Unto The Lord
No Parking
Mile 2
Take Care
Wind Beneath My Wings

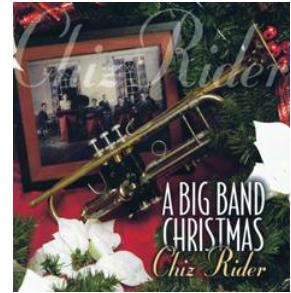


A Big Band Christmas

Released 2003

A jazzy big band Christmas album:

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Jingle Bells Medley
What Child Is This
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Messiah Medley
We Three Kings
Silent Night
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Angels We Have Heard On High
Joy To The World



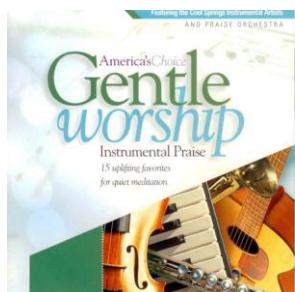
CHIZ RIDER ALBUMS (cont.)

Gentle Worship

Released 2005

Easy, Soft worship CD
with other artists

Here I Am to Worship
Draw Me Close
He Knows My Name
Your Are My All In All
We Fall Down
Hungry
God Of Wonders
Breathe
The Potter's Hand
You Are My King
Above All
I Give You're my Heart
Agnus Dei
Made Me Glad
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

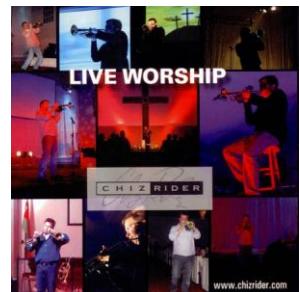


Live Worship

Released 2011

Live Concert Performances

Star Spangled Banner
Easter Song
Forever
Old Time Religion
Trading My Sorrows
He Knows My Name
In Christ Alone
How Great Thou Art
Amazing Love
Blessed Be Your Name
Fast Forward
Blessed Assurance
You Are Good



Power Praise

Released 2005

Contemporary praise CD
with other artists

Come, Now is the Time
You Are Good
Forever
Blessed Be Your Name
That's Why We Praise Him
Open the Eyes of My Heart
Days of Elijah
I Can Only Imagine
Trading My Sorrows
Hallelujah (You Love's So Amazing)
In Christ Alone
He Reigns
Shout To the Lord
The Wonderful Cross
You're Worthy of My Praise

