

## Joey Sommerville Makes Major Move

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Another day, another major record label move on the Atlanta Music Scene.

Tuesday Shane Harrison reported here that rap duo Rehab has been resurrected as a quintet by original member Danny Boone; and it has a deal with Universal Republic.

Now there's news that much-buzzed-about local trumpeter [Joey Sommerville](#) (above) has inked a deal with [Three Keys Music](#) — a label launched by BET founder Robert Johnson and pianist/businessman Marcus Johnson, and distributed by [Koch](#). (Guess that will make him labelmates, of sorts, with Ray J, DJ Khaled and others).

“Joey is a great musician and he understands the new music business model,” Marcus Johnson said in a press release. “His talent, tremendous work ethic and drive have allowed him to create a truly incredible album.”

Sommerville's latest CD, “Like You Mean It,” will be released next week, with guest appearances from Wayman Tisdale, Mike Phillips, Marion Meadows and Phil Perry.

And on May 15, there'll be a CD release party/performance at [Sambuca Jazz Cafe](#), from which Sommerville's performances have been broadcast live each Thursday on [Smooth Jazz 107.5](#).

Have you heard and/or seen Sommerville perform before? Planning to pick up the CD and/or go to the shows at Sambuca? Are there any other jazz acts bubbling under on the Atlanta Music Scene that you think merit national exposure?