

## *John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet*

Let your body move and your mind travel to the warm, sunny islands of the Caribbean, where the music is rich with exotic, fiery melodies and the exciting rhythms that are the musical **Pastiche** of the **John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet!**

The group features the original music of noted Alaska composers/performers, and educators **John Damberg and Mark Manners**. Their musical compositions, influenced by American Jazz and the Latin music of Brazil, Cuba, Trinidad, Mexico and Puerto Rico, will take you on a delightful musical journey through America and down to the Caribbean Islands and the countries of Latin and South America.

The Ensemble's tight, swinging arrangements highlight the musical artistry of master percussionist **John Damberg** on marimba, vibes, steel drum, & Latin percussion and **Mark Manners** on classical and jazz guitars augmented by the woodwind artistry of either **Karl Pasch** on clarinet, Laura Koenig on flute, or **Jacques Annandale** on alto & soprano sax. Adding heat to the band's *Musical Salsa* is the ever **Hot** groove of the band's rhythm section, which includes Bob Andrews on bass and Eiden Pospisil on drum set.

The **John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet**, founded in 1995, has been well received by Alaskan audiences in concerts, clinics, workshops, and corporate functions. They have performed community concerts for the Valdez, Cordova, Homer, Denali Arts Councils, at the Homer, Spenard, & UAA Jazz Festivals, the Cordova Copper River Salmon Festival, the Alaska Sea Life Center Opening Celebration, the AJW & ADP Summer 22 & 23 Jazz Concerts at Peratrovich Park, numerous Girdwood Forest Fairs, the Alyeska Blueberry Festival, the AK Day of Percussion Festivals at UAA & UAF, self-produced concerts at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, the Wilda Marston Theatre, UAA Arts Building Recital Hall, Anchorage Lutheran Church, & Seward High School, the 2000 APRN Song of the Year Concert, and at the Seaview Cafe in Hope, the Organic Oasis in Anchorage, and the Vagabond Blues Coffee House in Palmer.

The ensemble members are ardent supporters of jazz education in Alaska. They frequently perform at benefit concerts for the Alaska Jazz Workshop. The ensemble also regularly presents educational concerts, clinics, and workshops at many middle and high schools throughout Alaska.

The Quintet's CD's feature the original music of John Damberg and Mark Manners. They include include *Happy Dance*-(2023), *Azure*-JoMaLa Jazz (2005), and *Angie's Samba*-(1998). The CDs are available on the web at all the major retailers including I-tunes music, amazon.com, and Spotify.

The **John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet** is available for concerts, clinics and workshops and corporate functions. For further information please contact:

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