

John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet

Let your body move and your mind travel to the warm and 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 the music of Brazil, Cuba, Trinidad, Mexico and Puerto Rico, will take you on a delightful musical journey through the Caribbean Islands and the countries of Latin and South America.

The Ensemble's tight, swinging arrangements highlight the musical artistry of UAA Percussion Instructor John Damberg on marimba, vibes and steel drum, UAA Flute Instructor Laura Koenig on flute, and Alaskan guitar artist Mark Manners. 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 Cameron Cartland on drum set and Latin percussion.

The **John Damberg Latin Jazz Quintet**, founded in 1995, has been well received by Alaskan audiences in concerts, clinics and workshops in a wide variety of venues including: the UAA Jazz Week Festival Series, the Alaska Jazz Workshop Summer Concert Series 2000-2011, the 2007 Homer Jazz Festival, the 2007 Cordova, AK Copper River Wild Salmon Festival, 2007 Talkeetna Community Radio Concert series, the 2005-2008 KNIK Breeze Cruises, the 2005 Kenai-Soldotna Performing Arts Society concert series, the Alaska Day of Percussion Festivals at UAA and UAF, the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, the Wilda Marston Theatre, the 2000 APRN Song of the Year Concert, the Alaska Sealife Center, Anchorage Lutheran Church Concert Series, Anchorage Concerts in the Park, the 2005-09 Girdwood Forest Fairs, the 2011 Alyeska Blueberry Festival, Seward High School, the Seaview Cafe in Hope, the Organic Oasis, & Carlos Mexican Restaurant.

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

The quintet's 2005 CD **JoMaLa Jazz "Azure"** features original songs by John Damberg, Mark Manners in the swing, Latin and funk styles. The **Ensemble's** debut CD "**Angie's Samba**", released in 1998, features the original compositions

of John Damberg. The Quintet is currently recording new original music for their next CD release in fall of 2012.

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