

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 Alaska Master percussionist John Damberg on marimba, vibes and steel drum, 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, workshops, and corporate functions in a wide variety of venues including: the Valdez Convention Center, the Sheldon Theater in Talkeetna, the Homer Jazz Festival, the Cordova Copper River Salmon Festival, the The Spenard Jazz Fests from 2008-present, the UAA Jazz Week Festival 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 Sea life Center, Anchorage Lutheran Church, Anchorage Concerts in the Park, the Girdwood Forest Fair, the Alyeska Blueberry Festival, Seward High School, the Seaview Cafe in Hope, the Organic Oasis, 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 and the UAA Jazz Week Festival. The ensemble also regularly presents educational concerts, clinics, and workshops at many schools throughout Alaska.

The Ensemble's **JoMaLa Jazz Azure CD (2005)** features original jazz, Latin, and funk style songs by noted Alaskan composers John Damberg and Mark Manners. The group's debut CD **Angie's Samba** released in 1998 features the original compositions of John Damberg. The CDs are available on the web at cdbaby.com, I-tunes.com, and at www.jdlatinjazzquintet.com

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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