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Jazz duo plays benefit concert

HUDSON—Pianist Armen Donelian and saxophonist Marc Mommaas play in concert Sunday April 21, to benefit the Hudson Jazzworks Scholarship Fund. The concert takes place at 3 p.m. at Hudson Jazzworks Studio, 338 Kipp Road. Admission is by donation. Due to limited seating, phone reservations are required at 518 822-1640.

Now in its seventh season, the Hudson Jazz Workshop offers musicians from around the block and around the world the opportunity to experience accelerated artistic growth, free from commercial pressures and academic prerequisites.

Every year a guest gives a master class during the workshop and performs with Donelian and Mommaas at the Hudson Opera House. Sunday, August 11, NEA Jazz Master vocalist Sheila Jordan, a resident of Middleburgh, joins them. Jordan has sung with the likes of Charlie Parker and George Russell.

Since 2011, Hudson Jazzworks, Inc., has received consecutive annual grants from the Columbia County Council on the Arts and the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation. Private gifts have also buoyed the HJW Scholarship Fund. HJW’s academic partners—the Manhattan School of Music (New York City), the Rhythmic Music Conservatory (Denmark) and the Conservatory of Amsterdam (Holland)—each send one of their most deserving students to the workshop on a tuition scholarship made possible by the fund. This helps to maintain a high artistic standard in the workshop.

More information is at hudsonjazzworks.org.