



# hudson opera house



## **Jazz at the Opera House**

**Sunday, August 11**

**3:00 pm, free pre-concert talk**

**3:30 pm, concert**

**\$10, \$8 seniors and HOH members**

**Free for students**

Hudson, NY - On Sunday, August 11, the Hudson Opera House hosts the Hudson Jazzworks' 7th Annual Hudson Jazz Workshop Performance featuring Armen Donelian, Marc Mommas, Sheila Jordan along with the participants of the Hudson Jazz Workshop. There will also be a free "Meet the Artists" symposium before the performance.

The Hudson Jazz Workshop was founded in 2007 by co-directors pianist Armen Donelian and saxophonist Marc Mommaas. HJW participants, many of them working professionals, have been attracted from as far away as Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Japan and Norway to study alongside their counterparts from the Manhattan School of Music, The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, William Paterson University and other notable American institutions.

An eclectic musician, Armen Donelian has performed and recorded in 23 countries throughout the world, been a featured solo pianist, leader of his own quintet and trio, and played with Jazz masters including Sonny Rollins, Chet Baker, Billy Harper, Mongo Santamaria, Paquito D'Rivera, Ivo Papasov and Night Ark. A graduate of Columbia University, Armen has received numerous grants and awards, including six Fulbright Awards for work in Armenia, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Greece and six Jazz Performance Fellowships from the National Endowment for

the Arts to present concerts and master classes in New York City. Called "A pianist with a crystalline touch, but a penchant for avant gardism," by the New York Times, Armen Donelian is composer of more than 90 works, and has produced twelve critically acclaimed recordings for the Sunnyside, Playscape, Odin and Atlas labels.

Saxophonist/Composer Marc Mommaas comes from an artistic background. His mother was an opera singer/pianist and his father a well-known painter in the Dutch art scene. Mommaas studied in Amsterdam and moved to New York City where he received a full scholarship to attend the Manhattan School of Music. His releases have garnered him critical acclaim from Downbeat, Jazztimes, Jazzimprov, All About Jazz and numerous online platforms.

Special Guest Artist/Clinician is the renowned vocalist and NEA Jazz Master, Sheila Jordan. Sheila's deep artistic experience and musical joy are unique. Past guests have included saxophonist David Liebman, pianist Jim McNeely, guitarist Vic Juris and vibraphonist Joe Locke.

Jazz is "America's National Treasure" and a locally underserved art form in the Hudson Valley region. Hudson Jazzworks hopes to raise Jazz awareness locally and throughout the world. The Hudson Jazz Workshop offers a weekend immersion in Jazz performance, improvisation and composition in a focused atmosphere conducive to intensive study and nurturing support. They work primarily through the medium of duo and trio playing and enrollment is limited to ten participants.

These events are made possible in part with public funds granted to Hudson Jazworks. Inc. ([www.hudsonjazzworks.org](http://www.hudsonjazzworks.org)) from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered through the Community Arts Grants Program by the Greene County Council on the Arts in partnership with the Columbia County Council on the Arts.