

# 10th Anniversary Hudson Jazz workshop and concert, Chris Washburne guest Artist

HUDSON — On Sunday, August 14th, Hudson Jazzworks presents a morning masterclass with trombonist and composer Chris Washburne at Hudson Jazzworks Studio. Later that day, Chris will perform at the Hudson Opera House with pianist Armen Donelian and saxophonist Marc Mommaas and Chris Washburne at the Hudson Opera House with pianist Armen Donelian and saxophonist Marc Mommaas, the Artistic Co-Directors of the 10th Anniversary Hudson Jazz Workshop (HJW), and the HJW Participants.

The Hudson Jazz Workshop is an annual weekend immersion in improvisation and composition with Armen, a Hudson resident, and Marc, a Dutch native living in New York City, held this year from August 11th-14th. Past HJW Participants, many of them rising professional musicians, have come from as far away as Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain and the USA.

Students are particularly encouraged to attend Chris's morning masterclass at Hudson Jazzworks Studio on August 14th to take advantage of his expert guidance. Later at the Hudson Opera House, Armen, Marc and Chris will present a Meet the Artists talk. Then they'll perform

several pieces. HJW Participants will follow by playing their original works-in-progress created during the Workshop. A rousing closer with all the performers will round out the concert. Student admission at both events is free.

Armen Donelian, a graduate of the Westchester Conservatory of Music and Columbia University, he has produced 13 albums and recorded with numerous artists. Armen's compositions exhibit influences drawn from Classical, Jazz and Middle Eastern music. A Fulbright Scholar and National Endowment for the Arts Fellow, Armen has taught for over two decades in The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music and at William Paterson University. He has written several books on ear training and piano pedagogy, lectures at leading academies around the world and performs internationally in festivals, concerts and clubs.

Marc Mommaas is a Cum Laude graduate of Manhattan School of Music (MSM). A William Borden Award recipient, Marc is a frequent lecturer at MSM, New York University, William Paterson University, Rhythmic Music Conservatory (Denmark) and the Conservatory

of Amsterdam. Marc co-directs both Hudson Jazzworks and the New York Jazz Workshop. He is a faculty member of The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, leads two celebrated bands (Global Motion and Landmarc) and composes innovative works featured on Global Motion, Balance and Landmarc (all on Sunnyside Records).

Armen and Marc met in 2000 and immediately established a personal chemistry that is at the heart of their music making. For 14 years, they have performed their original compositions and standard repertoire documented on their critically acclaimed Sunnyside CD, All Or Nothing At All.

Chris Washburne is one of those rare musicians whose musical activities cross many styles and cultural borders. Chris is currently freelancing as a studio musician and performing trombone, bass trombone, tuba, didjeridu and percussion with various classical, jazz, rock and Latin groups in New York City.

Chris received his Bachelors of Music in classical trombone performance from the University of

Wisconsin where he studied with William Richardson, Richard Davis and Les Thimmes. In 1988, he completed a Masters degree from the New England Conservatory in Third Stream Studies where he studied with John Swallow, Ran Blake and Bob Moses.

He is currently Associate Professor of Music and Found Director of the Louis Armstrong Jazz Performance Program at Columbia University in New York. He has published numerous articles on jazz, Latin jazz, and salsa. He is author of the book "Sounding Salsa: Performing Latin Music in New York" (2008) and editor of the book "Bad Music" (2004).

On Sunday, August 14th at 10:30AM Hudson Jazzworks presents the Chris Washburne Jazz masterclass at Hudson Jazzworks Studio, 338 Kipp Road, Hudson, NY. Admission is \$10 for Adults and Free to Students. Due to limited seating, advance reservation is required. Call (518) 822-1640 to reserve a seat and visit [www.hudsonjazzworks.org](http://www.hudsonjazzworks.org) for more information about HJW.

On Sunday, August 14th at 3PM, Hudson Jazzworks presents

a free pre-Concert Artists' Talk with Armen Donelian, Marc Mommaas and Chris Washburne at The Hudson Opera House, 327 Warren Street, Hudson, NY; and at 3:30PM, a Concert with the Artists and Participants of the 10th Anniversary 2016 Hudson Jazz Workshop. Concert admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for HOH members and Free to students. The Hudson Opera House is a multi-arts center and major downtown anchor, housed in an 1855 building that was once City Hall. For further information about this or future programs, please call (518) 822-1438 or email Sage Marie Carter at [sage@hudsonoperahouse.org](mailto:sage@hudsonoperahouse.org) to reserve seats or visit [www.hudsonoperahouse.org](http://www.hudsonoperahouse.org).

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