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Ralph Alessi

Trumpeter, Composer, Educator

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

School for Improvisational Music Brooklyn, NY — Founder/ Director
January 2001- PRESENT

- Founder
- Artistic Director
- Teacher

Accademia Nazionale del Jazz Siena, Italy — Visiting Professor
November 2019-PRESENT

- Small Groups
- Jazz Trumpet

Hochschule der Kunste Bern Bern, Switzerland — Lecturer
August 2020-2025

- Studio Trumpet
- Small Groups
- Composition

University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, NV — Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies
July 2016 - May 2019

- Jazz trumpet instruction
- Small Groups
- Big Band

New England Conservatory, Boston MA — Adjunct Professor
Sept 2013-May 2016

- Jazz trumpet instruction

New York University, New York NY — Adjunct Professor
Sept 2002-May 2016

- Small Groups
- Jazz Improvisation
- Jazz Theory
- Improvisation lessons

Eastman School of Music, Rochester NY — Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies

July 1995-July 1999

- Small Groups
- Jazz Improvisation
- Jazz Theory
- Jazz Trumpet lessons

Five Towns College, Huntington NY — Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies

1992-1994

- Small Groups
- Jazz trumpet instruction

EDUCATION

Cal Arts, Valencia CA — M.A. jazz trumpet/bass

1990

Cal Arts, Valencia CA — B.A. jazz trumpet

1987

PRIVATE STUDIES

Jazz: Charlie Haden, James Newton, David Roitstein, Bob Elkjer

Classical: Armando Ghitalla, Joseph Alessi, William Vacchiano, Mario Guarneri, Roger Voisin, Ray Crisara

PERFORMANCES WITH THE FOLLOWING ARTISTS:

Jazz: Ravi Coltrane, Uri Caine, Geri Allen, Kris Davis, Fred Hersch, Jason Moran, Joe Lovano, Steve Coleman, Sam Rivers, Chris Potter, Ingrid Laubrock, Kenny Werner, Jack DeJohnette, Gary Thomas, Alice Coltrane, Bill Frisell, Joey Barron, John Abercrombie, Brian Blade, Tony Malaby, Bill Stewart, Greg Osby, Matt Wilson, Mulgrew Miller, Jeff Tain Waits

Classical: Reno Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, LA Opera Orchestra, LA Chamber Orchestra, San Francisco Opera Orchestra, Extension Ensemble, Santa Barbara Symphony

Film/Television:

Featured Soloist-What's My Name, HBO

Featured Soloist-Hollywoodland, Miramax Films

Featured Soloist-The Getdown, Netflix

Ensemble-Ray Donovan, Showtime

PERFORMANCES AT THE FOLLOWING JAZZ FESTIVALS

- Montreal Jazz Festival-Montreal, QB

- Bergamo Jazz Festival-Bergamo, Italy
- Red Sea Festival-Eilat, Israel
- Montreux Jazz Festival-Montreux, Switzerland
- Nancy Jazz Festival-Nancy, France
- San Sebastian Jazz Festival-San Sebastian, Spain
- Barcelona Jazz Festival-Barcelona, Spain
- London Jazz Festival-London, U.K.
- Holland Festival-Amsterdam, N.L.
- La Biennale di Venezia-Venice, Italy
- Northsea Jazz Festival-Rotterdam, N.L.
- Molde Jazz Festival-Molde, Sweden
- Oslo, Jazz Festival-Oslo, Norway
- Umbria Jazz Festival-Umbria, Italy
- Saalfelden Jazz Festival-Saalfelden, Austria
- Rochester Jazz Festival-Rochester, NY
- Bell Atlantic Jazz Festival-NYC
- FONT Festival-NYC
- Winter Jazzfest-NYC
- Earshot Jazz Festival-Seattle, WA
- Chicago Jazz Festival-Chicago, IL
- SF Jazz Festival-San Francisco, CA
- Jazz at Wolf Trap-Wolf Trap, VA
- Newport Jazz Festival-Newport, RI
- Freihoffers Jazz Festival-Saratoga, NY
- Caramoor Festival-Katonah, NY
- Angel City Jazz Festival-LA, CA
- Edgefest-Ann Arbor, MI
- Red Hook Jazz Festival-Brooklyn
- Penofin Jazz Festival-Potterville, CA
- Reno Jazz Festival-Reno, NV

PERFORMANCES AT NOTABLE VENUES

- AMR Geneva, Switzerland
- Bimhuis – Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Unterfahrt – München, Germany
- Moods – Zurich, Switzerland
- Chorus Lausanne, Switzerland
- A-Trane – Berlin, Germany
- Porgy & Bess – Vienna, Austria
- Alexanderplatz – Rome, Italy
- De Roma – Antwerp, Belgium
- Jazz Club Singen – Singen, Germany
- Jazz Studio – Nuremberg, Germany
- Ircam-Paris, France
- Schloss Elmau-Krun, Germany
- Blue Note – New York, NY
- Jazz Standard – New York, NY
- Smalls Jazz Club – New York, NY
- Jazz Gallery – New York, NY
- Knitting Factory – New York, NY
- Iridium – New York, NY
- CBGB's – New York, NY
- Villiage Vanguard-New York, NY

- Roulette – Brooklyn, NY
- The Stone – New York, NY
- Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) Brooklyn, NY
- Dazzle – Denver, CO
- Scullers Jazz Club – Boston, MA
- Twins Jazz – Washington D.C.
- Regatta Bar-Boston, MA
- Carnegie Hall – New York, NY
- Rose Hall – Lincoln Center – New York, NY
- Merkin Hall – New York, NY
- Kimmel Center-Philadelphia, PA
- The Kitchen – New York, NY
- Symphony Hall-Chicago, IL
- Symphony Space – New York, NY
- Guggenheim Museum – New York, NY
- Los Angeles Museum-Los Angeles
- Chicago Cultural Center – Chicago, IL
- Yoshis-San Francisco, CA
- Millennium Park – Pritzker Auditorium – Chicago, IL
- Redcat Theatre-Los Angeles
- Kennedy Center-Washington D.C.

COMPLETE DISCOGRAPHY

As a Leader

It Is Always Now (ECM, 2023)
 Imaginary Friends (ECM, 2019)
 Quiver (ECM, 2016)
 Baida (ECM, 2013)
 Only Many (CAM Jazz, 2013)
 Wiry Strong (Clean Feed, 2011)
 Cognitive Dissonance (CAM Jazz, 2010)
 Open Season (RKM, 2009)
 Look (Between The Lines, 2007)
 This Against That (RKM, 2002)
 Vice & Virtue (RKM, 2002)
 Hissy Fit (Love Slave, 2002)

As a Sideman

David Ake
 Humanities (Posi-Tone, 2018)
 Bridges (Positone, 2013)

Michaël Attias
 Spun Tree (Clean Feed, 2012)

Lucian Ban
 Enesco Re-Imagined (Sunnyside, 2010)

Jamie Baum
 Solace (Sunnyside, 2008)
 Moving Forward, Standing Still (Omnitone, 2004)

Don Byron
Love, Peace, and Soul (Savoy, 2012)
Ivey Divey (Blue Note, 2004)
You are #6, More Music for Six Musicians (Blue Note, 2001)

Michael Cain
Phew (MA, 2000)
Circa (ECM, 1996)

Uri Caine
Rhapsody in Blue (Winter & Winter, 2013)
Mahler-Caine: The Drummer Boy (Winter & Winter, 2012)
The Classical Variations (Winter & Winter, 2008)
Othello Syndrome (Winter & Winter, 2007)
Uri Caine Plays Mozart (Winter & Winter, 2007)
Dark Flame (Winter & Winter, 2004)
Shelf Life-Bedrock Trio (Winter and Winter, 2002)
The Goldberg Variations (Winter & Winter, 2000)
Gustav Mahler in Toblach (Winter & Winter, 2009)
Sidewalks of New York (Winter & Winter, 1999)

Thomas Carbou
Pure Profile... (Twinz, 2004)

James Carney
Ways and Means (Songlines, 2009)
Green-Wood (Songlines, 2007)
Offset Rhapsody (Jacaranda, 1997)
Fables from the Aqueduct (Jacaranda, 1994)

Steve Coleman
Lucidarium (Label Bleu, 2004)
The Ascension to Light (BMG, 2001)
The Sonic Language of Myth (BMG, 1999)
Genesis (BMG, 1998)
The Sign and the Seal (BMG, 1997)
The Way of the Cipher (BMG, 1997)
Myths, Modes and Means (BMG, 1995)
A Tale of 3 Cities (Novus, 1995)

Scott Colley
Empire (CAM Jazz, 2010)
Architect of the Silent Moment (CAM Jazz, 2007)

Ravi Coltrane
Spirit Fiction (Blue Note, 2012)
From the Round Box (BMG, 2000)
Moving Pictures (BMG, 1998)

Steve Davis
Sugar Blade (Babel, 2015)

Jeff Denson
Secret World (Between The Lines, 2012)

Peter Epstein
Polarities (Songlines, 2014)

Michael Formanek
The Distance (ECM, 2015)

Tomas Fujiwara
March (Firehouse 12, 2022)
Triple Double (Firehouse 12, 2017)

Drew Gress
The Sky Inside (Pirouet, 2013)
The Irrational Numbers (Premonition, 2008)
7 Black Butterflies (Premonition, 2005)

Carola Grey
Noisy Mama (Jazzline, 1998)

David Gilmore
Ritualism (Kashka, 2001)

Simone Guiducci
Dancin' Roots (Dunya, 2005)
Chorale (Dunya, 2003)

Joel Harrison
The Wheel (Intuition, 2008)

Jim Hart's Cloudmakers Trio
Live at the Pizza Express (Whirlwind, 2012)

Fred Hersch
Live from the Jazz Standard (Sunnyside, 2009)
Trio + 2 (Palmetto, 2004)
Songs Without Words (Nonesuch, 2001)
Leaves of Grass (Palmetto, 2005)

Jon Irabagon
Outright! (Alliance, 2009)

Joonsam
A Door (Origin, 2016)

Alex Koo Derudder
Identified Flying Object (Cleaver Tree Records, 2021)
Appleblueseagreen (Clever Tree Records, 2019)

Brian Landrus
Generations (BlueLand, 2017)

Tony Malaby
Novela (Clean Feed, 2011)

Andy Milne

The Seasons of Being (Sunnyside, 2018)
Forward to Get Back (Dnote, 1996)

Jason Moran
Artist in Residence (Blue Note, 2006)
Forward to Get Back (D'Note, 1997)

Angelika Nieschier/Florian Weber
NYC Five (Intakt, 2016)

Enrico Pieranunzi
Proximity (CAM Jazz, 2015)

Lonnie Plaxico
With All Your Heart (Muse, 1993)
Emergence (Savant, 2000)

Bobby Previte
The 23 Constellations of Joan Miró (Tzadik, 2002)

Tom Rainey
Untucked in Hannover (Intakt, 2020)
Float Upstream (Intakt, 2017)
Obbligato (Intakt, 2014)

Sam Rivers
Culmination (BMG, 2000)
Inspiration (BMG, 1999)
Michael Rosen
Sweet 17 (Forced Exposure, 2015)

Ken Schaphorst
How To Say Goodbye (2016)

Timucin Sahin
Inherence (Between the Lines, 2013)

Tomas Sauter
Double Life (Carwalk, 2017)

Brad Shepik
Human Activity Suite (Songlines, 2009)

Various
Selected Signs, Vol. 3-8 (ECM, 2013)
Women's World (EMI, 2004)

Johannes Wallmann
The Coasts (MooseWorks, 2010)

Florian Weber
Lucent Waters (ECM, 2018)

Elliott Wheeler

The Get Down (Score Soundtrack) (House of Iona, 2017)

Marcelo Zarvos

Hollywood, Original Motion Picture Soundtrack (Varese Sarabande, 2006)