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PERFORMERS



Ron Blake

Saxophonist Ron Blake has been an integral part of the NY music scene since 1992. Blake has released 4 sessions as a leader and appeared on over 60 recordings. Blake has performed internationally in groups led by: Roy Hargrove; Art Farmer; Roy Haynes; Meshell NdegeOcello and Christian McBride. The Virgin Islands native and educator, is in his 13th season as a member of the Saturday Night Live Band.



Richie Goods

After graduating from Berklee, bassist Richie Goods moved to NYC and studied with Ron Carter & Ray Brown. Goods has recorded or toured with: Christina Aguilera; Chris Botti; Common; Alicia Keys; Russell Malone; Manhattan Transfer; Brian McKnight and Mulgrew Miller. Goods projects as a leader include: Richie Goods & Nuclear Fusion, Live @ Zinc Bar; Three Rivers and a new project in 2018.



Keyon Harrold

Award-winning trumpeter/producer/composer **Keyon Harrold** drew from his upbringing in Ferguson, MO when he wrote the raw & cinematic music on his acclaimed CD *The Mugician*. The elements of jazz, classical, rock, blues & hip hop are representative of his vast resume, which includes work with Common, Beyonce, Maxwell, Keith Richards, Nas & others, plus his acclaimed trumpet performances in Don Cheadle's Miles Davis film, *Miles Ahead*.



Billy Kilson

The innovative drummer Billy Kilson, started out playing the trumpet & trombone. The artists he has toured and/or recorded with include: Chris Botti; Herbie Hancock; Yo-Yo Ma; John Mayer; Michael McDonald; Dianne Reeves and Sting. Kilson is soon to record his fourth album as a leader. Kilson's greatest passion is sharing his musical experiences in clinics and teaching the art of drumming globally.

PERFORMERS



Rob Paparozzi

New Jersey-based singer & harmonica player Rob Paparozzi has been performing since 1967. He's worked with: B.B. King; Dr. John; Carole King; Jimmy McGriff; Bruce Springsteen; Dolly Parton and The NY Philharmonic. Paparozzi was Musical Director for the Bernard Purdie/Chuck Rainey Project, has toured w/the Original Blues Brothers Band since 2000, and was lead singer for Blood, Sweat & Tears, 2004 - 2011.



Christian Sands

28 year old pianist Christian Sands has been playing piano for 25 years and has 5 GRAMMY nominations! Sands' stylistic range includes: stride; swing; bebop; fusion; Brazilian & Afro-Cuban. His debut CD on Mack Avenue Records, *Reach*, was #1 on the Jazz Chart for 4 weeks. Bassist Christian McBride recognized Sands' unique energy & spirit, resulting in 6+ years of touring & recording together!

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