

SUNY New Paltz Department of Music Presents



Music Without Borders

The Professors

Studley Theatre

Tuesday, March. 4

7:30 p.m.

— Program —

Mark Dziuba – guitar

Vinnie Martucci – piano

Rich Syracuse – bass

Jeff “Siege” Siegel – drums

- 1) Danza Feliz – Vinnie Martucci 10/21/1954 -
- 2) Here, But Not Here – Vinnie Martucci 10/21/1954 -
- 3) Jeannieology – Mark Dziuba 7/2/61 -
- 4) Telly Savalas – Mark Dziuba 7/2/61 -
- 5) Break Tune – Rich Syracuse
- 6) Ayre Pour Vivi – Jeff Siegel 6/11/1956 -
- 7) Ill of IV – Rich Syracuse

The Professors

The Professors are a group of four current university jazz professors and friends. Having met up in the Woodstock/New Paltz area of New York’s Hudson Valley in the early 90s after years of living in New York City, the group members were destined to become friends, bandmates and colleagues. Their life’s work is defined by the creation and performing of great music and sharing their lifetimes of performing and teaching experiences with the upcoming legions of aspiring jazz musicians. Coming together for the first time as a unit in 1994 on guitarist **Mark Dziuba**’s CD release “Up Until Now,” the unit officially formalized as a quartet once bassist **Rich Syracuse** joined the other three *Professors* faculty at SUNY New Paltz in 2015. The four friends have continued their joy of performing together in side projects and gigs throughout the decades ever since—and, in fact, the friendships and playing associations go back as far as the mid 80s for some of the members.

The founding musicians of the *The Professors*, guitarist **Mark Dziuba** (director of jazz studies, SUNY New Paltz), pianist **Vinnie Martucci** (former chair of the Department of Music, SUNY New Paltz), drummer **Jeff “Siege” Siegel** (adjunct professor of percussion, SUNY New Paltz) and former jazz bass professor **John Menegon** officially started the group in 2010 to perform at a local venue. Performances and clinics with the group continued in as faraway places as Beijing, China in 2011 at the University of Beijing (with Menegon) to local gigs around the Hudson Valley. In 2018, a unique partnership between the Escuela de Musica y Audio Fernando Sor in Bogota, Colombia and SUNY New Paltz continued the *The Professors*’ overseas activities (now joined by Syracuse) where they performed clinics and performances for the school. Club performances and concerts have since followed.

The Professors are going to be celebrating the vinyl record and CD release of their recording “Intersections” (ARC Records). Physical copies or pre-orders will be available at the SUNY New Paltz concert.

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