

**THE SCARSDALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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THE STEVE SANDBERG QUARTET



Sunday, October 14, 2018

5:00 p.m.

**1 Heathcote Road
Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583**

ABOUT THE STEVE SANDBERG QUARTET

The Steve Sandberg Quartet made its debut with a concert at NYC's DiMenna Center for Classical Music, presented by Project 142. The group grew out of Mr. Sandberg's desire to merge his lifelong study of classical Western music with his passion for jazz, Latin, and world music (including Balkan, West African and East Indian traditions) and to compose new works born of many years of musical exploration.

Steve Sandberg graduated from Yale University, studies classical piano with Seymour Bernstein, and has worked with Mario Rivera, Bebel Gilberto, David Byrne, Ruben Blades, and Daniel Ponce. He was also musical director/lead composer for Nickelodeon's "Dora the Explorer."

Mr. Sandberg formed the quartet in 2016 to perform his "classical world music" compositions, informed by the diverse musical worlds he inhabits. The first time he played with violinist Zach Brock, drummer Mauricio Zottarelli and bassist Michael O'Brien he knew he had found his ideal group, and the ensemble has been together ever since.

In the debut concert, Mr. Sandberg played solo piano pieces by Ravel, Chopin, and Bartok, followed by the Quartet's improvisation-rich renditions of his original compositions based on these seminal works.

The Quartet successfully completed a crowdfunding campaign and released its first CD on artistShare records in 2017. The CD has received rave reviews (All about Jazz' Dan Bilawsky says: "Alaya is a breathtaking composite of world music, jazz, and classical expressions. In other words, it's Sandberg's whole musical existence merging into a single stream. In these eight tracks, he delivers unto us an exultant music that's incredibly personal and precise in its direction, yet universal in its language and ability to connect").

Since its debut, the Quartet has appeared at Birdland, the Side Door Jazz Club, the Deerhead Inn, West Park Presbyterian Church, the DiMenna Center, and many other venues.

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THE QUARTET FEATURES:

Zach Brock - Heralded as “the pre-eminent improvising violinist of his generation,” Zach is known for his work with Snarky Puppy and Stanley Clark.

Mauricio Zottarelli - Critically acclaimed and award-winning drummer and artist, Mauricio has recorded and shared the stage with: Esperanza Spalding, Hiromi, Eliane Elias, Marc Johnson, Richard Bona and many others.

Michael O'Brien - Michael has performed and composed internationally for over a decade with such notables as Harry Connick Jr., Dave Samuels, Ruben Blades, Gene Pitney and many others.





NOVEMBER 18 - 3:00PM—Ryan Kennedy, Concert Organist

Ryan Kennedy's virtuosity has gained an ever-growing popularity with his dazzling organ arrangements of piano and symphonic masterpieces. Ryan has just received his Master's degree from Juilliard and for his SCC recital he will be presenting works by Duruflé, Wagner's Overture to Die Meistersinger and the Liszt Sonata, the latter two both transcribed for the organ by Ryan Kennedy.



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