

Mike Freeman

Musician * Composer * Bandleader * Recording Artist * Arranger * Educator * Producer

RECORDINGS

Eight recordings as a leader that include seventy original compositions, with tributes to Cal Tjader, Tito Puente, and Bobby Hutcherson. His recordings have appeared on numerous radio charts, syndicated radio programs (WOR radio network, Jazz after Hours, David Sanborn, Music Choice, United Airlines), receiving numerous outstanding reviews.

2019, 2021 and 2022 LOWER MANHATTAN CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT RECIPIENT

Produced *Boricua Blues*, *Hell's Kitchen Soul Sauce* and *Latin Music In Hell's Kitchen, A History* with guest legends Ray Mantilla and Jose Mangual Jr. performing at the Times Center, The Highline, Pier 84, and Riverbank State Park in NYC

Groups:

- ★ Mike Freeman ZonaVibe
- ★ Mike Freeman Vibe Caliente
- ★ Mike Freeman & Spellbound®

Associated groups:

- ★ Ray Mantilla Good Vibrations Band, Tres Amigos, Space Station
- ★ Lucho Cueto (Allstar) Black Sugar
- ★ Son Boricua w Jose Mangual Jr., Jimmy Sabater
- ★ Mark Holen Zambomba
- ★ Julio Salgado
- ★ Willie Villegas' Joe Cuba Sextet
- ★ Timba Vibes

CONCERTS AS LEADER

- ▶ Fox Jazz Festival, WI
- ▶ Riverfront Jazz Festival, WI
- ▶ Harlem Meer, Central Park, NYC
- ▶ Trinidad & Tobago Steelpan & Jazz Festival
- ▶ Festival Internacional, Terceira, Azores
- ▶ Jazz on the Green, Omaha
- ▶ First Night Celebrations (various cities)
- ▶ IAJE International Convention, Atlanta
- ▶ Rehoboth Beach, DE, Jazz Festival
- ▶ Berks Jazz Festival
- ▶ JVC Newport Jazz Festival
- ▶ Hennessy Greenwich Village Jazz Festival
- ▶ NJ State Aquarium's Jazzin' the Deep Festival
- ▶ Penn Sate University tour
- ▶ Toured Portugal on grants from the Fulbright Foundation and the American Embassy (USIA)

Studio sessions for Kirsten Thien; The Manhattan Transfer *Swing*, Atlantic Records; Don Sebesky Foxwoods, *The Wonder of It All*, featuring John Pizzarelli Jr; Broadway stars Stephanie Pope, *Now's the Time to Fall in Love*, and Capathia Jenkins with Lou Rosen, *South Side Stories*; and Hale Rood among others.

Performed with the Spanish Harlem Orchestra, directed by Oscar Hernandez at Madison Square Garden, and Willie Villegas Joe Cuba Sextet at NJ Salsa Congress both with legendary sonero Cheo Feliciano; Latin Legends Tribute Concert at Aaron Davis Hall with Louis Bauzó; Cuban Fantasy at Weill Hall with Kathleen Landis

Based in New York City since 1981

♦Artist/Clinician Balter Mallets and formerly Musser Instrument Company

Commissioned arrangements and compositions for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Percussion Scholarship Program (for over a decade) and for a national percussion curriculum for China 2014

Produced two Band Together benefit concerts for musicians. One following hurricane Katrina for the Tipitina's Foundation and the other after hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria for the Jazz Foundation of America.

Clinics/Masterclasses/Residencies

Florida International University, New York University, Berklee College of Music, MA, Ithaca College, NY

Mike endorses Mike Balter Mallets

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