

The Miro Sprague Quartet at Brandon Music

Brandon Music presents the Miro Sprague Quartet on Friday, December 1. The quartet is a dynamic jazz ensemble performing original music and arrangements with an emphasis on melodic clarity, deep grooves, and creative improvisation. Each musician contributes music to the band's repertoire, bringing a wealth of musical experience, soulful creativity and instrumental virtuosity.

Sprague, at the piano, is joined by Michael Zsoldos on saxophone, Eric Miller on trombone and Marty Jaffe on bass. The pianist and composer Andy Jaffe describes Sprague as "One of the hippest and most mature of the newest generation of emerging giants."

The group (in a quintet format with drummer Paul Wiltgen) was originally brought together in late 2013 to record on Sprague's album "Blue Dreaming" and has since performed throughout the east coast, including a recent performance at the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival. The drum-less configuration performing at Brandon Music features a more intimate chamber sound with ample opportunity for group interplay and improvisation.

Miro Sprague is a jazz pianist and composer known for his dynamic performance style and inspiring creativity. Born and raised in Western Massachusetts and currently based in New York City, Sprague has toured nationally and internationally, working with many jazz masters including Matt Wilson, Greg Tardy, Jerry Bergonzi, Reggie Workman, among others. Bergonzi, of the New England Conservatory, said "Miro is pure music to me. Imagination and intuition take the place of anything expected."

Sprague is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and the prestigious Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance at UCLA where he was mentored by jazz legends Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter. He leads his own trio, quartet and quintet and is a skilled vocal accompanist, performing frequently with Karrin Allyson, Samirah Evans, and Evelyn Harris.

This event is a part of Vermont Arts 2017, celebrating arts in Vermont.

Concert begins at 7:30pm. Concert tickets are \$20. A pre-concert dinner is available for \$25. Reservations are required for dinner and recommended for the show. Venue is BYOB. Call (802) 247-4295 or e-mail info@brandon-music.net for reservations or for more information. Brandon Music is located at 62 Country Club Rd. Brandon, VT 05733 www.brandon-music.net