

Brandon Music presents The John Funkhouser Quartet October 28

The John Funkhouser Quartet gives the impression from their relaxed and informal demeanor, both on and off stage, that they've been friends for years — because they have. Together in various combinations and incarnations for over 15 years, this quartet of forward thinking jazz musicians exudes true confidence of the kind that can only come from long-term trust and friendship. "Each musician has technique to burn (and there are moments when they let it rip) but they're also extremely musical", says Middletown Eye. They are "often wildly inventive and great fun to watch and listen to" but "they can also play with grace and sweetness."

The Quartet has covered much musical ground together, playing everything from old-time swing music to avant-garde jazz, from rock/jam music to Greek and Bulgarian folk songs, and all the while putting their unique stamp of truthfulness and integrity on everything they play.

Their eclectic concert at Brandon Music will reflect Funkhouser's recent studies of North Indian classical music, employing the deep serenity, pathos and light of ragas he has been studying in recent months, as well as the band's enthusiasm for New Orleans street music, 70's Funk and Prog Rock, the Great American Songbook, South African jazz, Chopin, and American folk music. Despite these varied influences, the sound of the band is instantly recognizable: full of empathy, fire, staggering technical displays, profound intimacy, joy and playfulness.

The band's most recent album, 'Still', reflects this diverse passion as well. The Boston Globe said "the styles and moods of this accomplished, often spellbinding collection range far and wide... distinctive in its extremes."

The John Funkhouser Quartet have headlined the Jazz In June festival in Oklahoma City and played at major music festivals nationwide, including the Riverbend Festival in Chattanooga, TN, the Mellon Jazz Festival in Pittsburgh, PA, and Jazz In The Sangres in Westcliffe, CO. The band has played in such New York clubs as the Knitting Factory, Small's, ShapeShifter and Cornelia St. Café.

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

Concert is October 28 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