

Phillips Exeter Academy Music Department



Faculty Concert Tim Ray Trio

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

7:00 PM

“the Bowld”

Forrestal Bowld Music Center

29 Tan Lan, Exeter, NH

Program

Maria (from West Side Story)

L. Bernstein / S. Sondheim

Yours is My Heart Alone

Franz Lehar

Blackbird

J. Lennon / P. McCartney

Paint it Black

M. Jagger / K. Richards

Lawns

Carla Bley

Bye-Ya

Thelonious Monk

Fire & Rain

James Taylor

Gone, Not Forgotten

Tim Ray

The Windup

Keith Jarrett

Meet the Trio



Tim Ray, pianist

Tim's wide-ranging skills as a soloist and accompanist have afforded him the opportunity to perform with legendary performers from many diverse styles of music. He is perhaps best known as Tony Bennett's most recent pianist and musical director, appearing in concerts with him until his retirement from singing in 2020.

Featured on over 100 recordings to date, Tim has performed in concert with an extensive list of pop music icons, notably Aretha Franklin, Lyle Lovett, Jane Siberry and Soul Asylum. He regularly performs with leading figures in the jazz world, among them Kurt Elling, Gary Burton, Esperanza Spalding, Phil Woods, Terri Lyne Carrington, Scott Hamilton, Dave Douglas, John Patitucci, Brian Blade, Lewis Nash and Rufus Reid; and his classical credits include solo performances and concerts with the Boston Pops, the Boston Modern Orchestra Project and the Glens Falls (NY) Symphony.

Tim's busy schedule has included frequent tours throughout the Americas, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, and has included performances at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Kennedy Center and the 1992 Presidential Inauguration. Tim has also performed repeatedly on "The Tonight Show" (Johnny Carson, Jay Leno), "Late Night with David Letterman," "The Conan O'Brien Show," "Austin City Limits" and various other national TV and radio broadcasts.

His most recent CD as a leader - Fire & Rain - featuring John Lockwood on bass and Mark Walker on drums, was released on the Whaling City Sounds record label in 2023. Excursions & Adventures, featuring drummer Terri Lyne Carrington and bassist John Patitucci, and Windows (with Lockwood and Walker) are also available on the Whaling City label. In addition to teaching jazz piano at Philips Exeter Academy, Tim is a longtime Professor on the faculty of the Berklee College of Music. For more info, please visit AgitatedCatMusic.com.



John Lockwood, bass

In addition to being the “first call” bassist for many years in the Boston area, John Lockwood has toured the U.S., Asia and Europe with Joe Henderson, Freddie Hubbard, Gary Burton, the Mel Lewis Big Band, and The Fringe. He has also performed with Donal Fox, Eddie Harris, Johnny Hartman, Dave Liebman, Joe Maneri, Makoto Ozone, Joe Pass, Danilo Perez, Pharoah Sanders, Carol Sloane, Clark Terry, Kenny Werner, James

Williams, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Boston Pops, Pat Metheny, Dizzy Gillespie, Woody Shaw, Toots Thielemans, Stan Getz, Art Farmer, and others. He teaches at the Berklee College of Music, New England Conservatory, Longy School of Music, and conducts clinics at colleges and high school around the world.



Mark Walker, drums

Drummer, composer and educator Mark Walker has been one of the most respected names on the jazz scene for four decades. He has performed on five continents with some of the best musicians in the world and appears on over 75 recordings, including two Grammy Award-winning albums, four Latin Grammy-winning albums, seven Grammy-nominated albums and one Latin Grammy-nominated album. He has worked for

over 30 years with Paquito D’Rivera, and also recorded and/or toured with luminaries such as Arturo Sandoval, Lyle Mays, Oregon, Michel Camilo, Eliane Elias and many others. In addition to teaching at the Berklee College of Music and New England Conservatory, he has authored the book “World Jazz Drumming” (Hal Leonard), and created his own online teaching studio. For more info, visit MarkWalkerMusic.com.

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