

Scott Feiner & Pandeiro Jazz

With his "Pandeiro Jazz" project Scott Feiner has expanded the possibilities and perception of the Brazilian *pandeiro* worldwide - an instrument not normally spoken of in the same context with American music. Feiner has walked a fascinating road from the jazz world of Manhattan to the nightlife of Rio de Janeiro. Born in New York City, and formally a guitarist, Feiner received a Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies/Guitar at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, Connecticut, where he studied with the legendary saxophonist Jackie McLean. During the early '90s he was a respected guitarist on the New York jazz scene, playing with some of the city's finest musicians. In 1999, during his first trip to Brazil, Feiner discovered the *pandeiro*, the percussion instrument that would become his passion and new means of musical expression. He moved to Rio de Janeiro in 2001 and after only a few years became a respected *pandeirista*, playing in the traditional settings of Rio. However, it is Feiner's innovative mixture of the *pandeiro* with jazz, and other genres, which has set him apart. With his "Pandeiro Jazz" project, he has helped expand the possibilities and perception of the Brazilian *pandeiro* worldwide, an instrument not normally spoken of in the same context with American music. In March 2014 Feiner released his fourth album, *A View From Below*, which also highlights his talents as a composer. Downbeat magazine gave it 4-stars and Brazil's most important newspaper, Folha de São Paulo, wrote, "The creative freedom this trio displays while shifting between jazz and Brazilian music is amazing." Feiner performs regularly at festivals and clubs in the US, Brazil and Europe. He is also known for being an ambassador of the *pandeiro*, introducing people to the instrument around the world through his workshops.

"Scott Feiner has created a unique sonic world with Pandeiro Jazz" — Brad Mehldau

"Mr. Feiner treats the *pandeiro* as an expressive jazz instrument..." — *The New York Times*

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