

Press Release

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**Bridge Arts and Education presents BRIDGE ARTS JAZZ AT BLUEPRINT,
a free jazz concert with music curated by Jazz at Lincoln Center**

July 7, 2021- Kingston, NY- Bridge Arts and Education, a Hudson Valley not-for-profit, will present a free outdoor jazz concert at the Lot @ BLUEprint (Enterprise West building) in Kingston, NY on Saturday, July 17th at 7:00pm. The music, featuring a quintet led by trumpeter Steven Bernstein, was curated by Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Gates open at 6:30pm on July 17th. Music begins at 7:00pm with an opening set by the Hudson Valley Youth Jazz Orchestra (HVYJO), a premiere student jazz group comprised of musicians from several area school districts. Following HVYJO will be Steven Bernstein and Friends. Bernstein is a trumpeter, arranger, composer, and GRAMMY Award winner. His quintet features Craig Handy on tenor saxophone, Steve Cardenas on guitar, Mimi Jones on bass, and Ben Perowsky on drums.

Bridge Arts and Education's Executive Director, Dan Shaut, felt that this event embodied his organization's mission. *"Bridge Arts exists to connect artists with each other, with our community, and with our students. This event does all of that. Our students have the fortune to work with and perform with the highest caliber musicians in a venue that turned a long-abandoned lot into a community art space. We are thrilled to be able to produce this event for Jazz at Lincoln Center's curated music initiative."*

Registration for the concert is at www.bridgeartsandeducation.com/events. The event is free. Donations to Bridge Arts and Education are gladly accepted. Information and updates will be available on social media @BridgeArtsandEducation.

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