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Jazz pianist and composer Armen Donelian (I) of Hudson and saxophonist and composer Marc Mommaas (r), will be joined by guitarist Vic Juris (c) Sunday, August 14 at the Hudson Opera House, 327 Warren, Hudson, for an Artists' Talk followed by a jazz concert from the work at the Hudson Jazz Works workshop that started earlier in the week. The class and concert are open to the public.

Jazz Workshop plays Hudson

HUDSON — Hudson Jazzworks, Inc., presents its fifth annual Hudson Jazz Workshop, Thursday through Sunday, August 11-14. A weekend immersion in jazz improvisation and composition, HJW offers intensive study with pianist Armen Donelian, a Hudson resident, and saxophonist Marc Mommaas, a Dutch native and longtime New York City resident. Both composers, recording artists and teachers of duo playing.

Guitarist Vic Juris joins Donelian, Mommaas and HJW participants Sunday, August 14. Juris offers a jazz Master Class at the HJW Studio at 10:30 a.m. At 3 p.m. at the Hudson Opera House, Juris, Donelian and Mommaas give an Artists' Talk followed directly by a jazz concert with HJW participants playing works in progress created during the workshop.

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Since 1975, Donelian has created and produced 12 albums featuring 74 compositions that reflect influences drawn from classical, jazz and Middle Eastern music. He has taught for 23 years in The New School Jazz Program and is the author of two books on jazz ear training. "Leapfrog," his

new CD, is scheduled for release on Sunnyside Records in September.

Marc Mommaas tours internationally with his ensemble, Global Motion. He has presented master classes in conservatories that include New York University and the Rhythmic Music Conservatory in Denmark. His recordings can be heard on Sunnyside Records.

Juris is a member of the David Liebman group, which has recorded 10 CDs and traveled internationally since 1991. He regularly performs in U.S. and European venues.

For over 10 years, Donelian and Mommaas have performed their original compositions and standard repertoire, as documented on their CD, "All or Nothing At All."

Hudson Jazzworks, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization, is located at 338 Kipp Road. The Jazz Master Class with Vic Juris takes place at the HJW studio. Admission is free to students under 21, \$10 for adults. Seating is limited and advance reservation required. Call the studio, 518 822-1640, for reservations. Visit hudson-jazzworks.org for more information.

The Hudson Opera House is at 327 Warren Street. Concert admission is free to students under 21, \$10 for adults. Call the Opera House, 518 822-1438, for reservations or visit www.hudsonopera-house.org for more concert information.

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