

Jazz workshop ends with concert

JAZZ in the Hudson Valley presents the second annual Summer Jazz Duo Workshop in Hudson, a weekend immersion in jazz improvisation and composition, Thursday, August 14 through Sunday, August 17.

The weekend ends with a faculty/student concert Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The workshop, led by pianist Armen Donelian and saxophonist Marc Mommaas, accepts partici-

pants of all ages who play piano, reeds, brass and stringed instruments; as well as vocalists. Individual and group instruction covers duo playing, improvisation, composition, technique, harmony, accompaniment, rhythm and repertoire; and jam sessions are held every evening.

Last year's workshop attracted students from as far away as Denmark and as nearby as Kinderhook, and from Manhattan, Brook-

lyn and Connecticut. Enrollment has almost doubled this year.

Workshop leader Armen Donelian, a Hudson resident, is a Fulbright Scholar who has worked in Armenia, Finland, Sweden and Switzerland. He is a 6-time NEA Fellow, an adjunct professor at The New School jazz program, and the author of two widely used books, *Training the Ear Vol. 1 & 2* (Advance Music, 1992, 2004).

Donelian, a graduate of Columbia University and the Westchester Conservatory of Music, has taught and performed in 23 countries and recorded 11 albums. His musical influences range from Classical, Latin and Middle Eastern music to jazz greats such as Sonny Rollins, Chet Baker, Billy Harper and Mongo Santamaria.

Saxophonist/composer Marc Mommaas, a native of Holland, has lived and performed in New York City for the last 10 years. He is a *cum laude* graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and a recipient of the William Borden Award.

Mommaas tours internationally with Global Motion, his jazz ensemble, and he has presented master classes in conservatories on both sides of the Atlantic. He and Donelian have been performing together since 2007; Sunnyside Records release their duo CD, *All or Nothing at All*, in 2006.

The concluding workshop concert, which is free and open to the public, will be presented at 338 Kipp Road in Hudson. For more information, call (518) 822-1630 or go to www.armenjazz.com or www.mommaas.com.