

BIOS - BISANTZ & NAKHIMOVSKY

JUNE BISANTZ

Award-winning vocalist and visual artist JUNE BISANTZ has co-written and produced several collections of original vocal jazz, all of which have received national recognition.

She has toured internationally, and performed and recorded with distinguished jazz musicians including *Steve Swallow, Bob Moses, Paul Brown, Lew Soloff, Jerry Neiwood, Mike Stern, Jon Burr, Steve Davis & Will Lee*. Reviews and articles about her work have appeared in publications including *People Magazine, USA Today, Downbeat, JazzQuad.Ru, Jazziz Magazine, Jazz Podium Magazine, Jazz USA, the New York Times, New York Newsday & the Boston Globe*. Her work has been released on the *Pausa and Nova* labels, Los Angeles, *Alpha Records*, Japan, *Track Records* and *Arabesque Records*, NY.

Following a two-volume tribute to the vocal work of the legendary Chet Baker (*Let's Fall in Love* and *It's Always You*), Bisantz released *Love's Tango*, co-written with pianist & composer Alex Nakhimovsky. This project signaled her return to original music with a collection of Latin inspired songs about love in its many forms.

Love's Tango received a 2019 **Global Music Award** for Lyrics and Songwriting, a 2024 **International Songwriting Award** for Best Jazz Song and a 2024 **Clouzine International Music Award** for best Latin Pop Album. Since then, her 2022 and 2023 releases, *7 Shades of Snow* and *It's Been A Long, Long Time* have also received **Global Music Awards** in the Female Vocalist and Americana categories.

Ms. Bisantz is Professor Emeritus of Art & Design at Eastern Connecticut State University who has exhibited her visual art work in galleries, museums and public spaces throughout the United States. She designs and produces publicity and album artwork for her own projects and those of many other musicians.

ALEX NAKHIMOVSKY

Renowned pianist ALEX NAKHIMOVSKY enjoys a versatile career as a performer, composer, recording artist, producer and educator. Alex studied at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, CT with Jackie McLean and Luiz Castro among others. He has been

a full time faculty member at the Greater Hartford Academy for the Arts, and adjunct faculty at the Hartt School of Music, Connecticut College, and Sacred Heart University.

Alex's musical accomplishments as a Jazz and Classical artist include musical direction and arranging as well as solo and ensemble performances, visiting over 50 countries and 6 continents. He has toured throughout the United States, Russia, Japan and Israel, performing with Jazz legends Benny Golson, Jackie McLean, Jimmy Cobb, Valery Ponomarev, Sheila Jordan, Curtis Fuller, Victor Bailey and Grammy nominated artists Bill Evans, Carla Cook, René Marie and Jazzmeia Horn. Nakhimovsky's discography includes releases from the United States, Europe and Asia. In 2005, he was featured with Japan's New Japan Philharmonic Orchestra on An American in Paris a Universal Label release; and later performed in Japan's major concert halls with the orchestra to promote the recording.

Nakhimovsky's impressive classical repertoire, which spans the gamut from Chopin to Gershwin, has led to performances on concert stages including Carnegie Hall (2007) and Steinway Hall (2000) in New York City. In addition to his multi-level career as a performer, recording artist and concert producer, Alex accompanies and arranges for notable singers from a wide range of musical genres, leading to international performances throughout the USA, Europe, Asia and Israel. Recent collaborations include concerts with Metropolitan bass Mikhail Svetlov; cellist Sergey Antonov, gold medal winner of the Tchaikovsky international competition; celebrated arranger and fadolinist Lev Zhurbin; rising opera star Zhanna Alkhazova and others.

In an ongoing collaboration, Nakhimovsky has been pianist, music director and arranger for jazz vocalist/lyricist June Bisantz. Bisantz & Nakhimovsky have recorded, performed and toured together since 2005 including multiple tours of Asia. Bisantz & Nakhimovsky have received three international music awards for their co-written project, Love's Tango: a ***Global Music Award***, 2019, Lyrics and Songwriting; a ***World Songwriting Award***, 2024, Best Jazz Song Spring 2024; and a ***Clouzine International Music Award***, Fall 2024, Best Latin Pop Album. Prior to this successful collaboration, Nakhimovsky worked with Bisantz as music director, pianist and arranger, to create a two-volume tribute to the vocal work of the legendary Chet Baker.