

# MUSICIAN



Rick DellaRatta

## EntreMusician of the Month

Rick DellaRatta has been touring with his trio Jazz Greats Eddie Gomez and Lenny White as well as leading successful performances with Jazz Legends Dave Leibman, Paquito D'Rivera, Rufus Reid, Billy Hart, Bobby Watson, Nick Brignola, Sonny Fortune, Elliot Zigmund, Idris Muhammad and Al Foster.

After receiving a Masters in music at the New England Conservatory, Rick toured with Herb Reed and The Platters throughout the Caribbean, Bahamas, Bermuda, Mexico and Jamaica. He also toured as pianist with the Artie Shaw Orchestra throughout the U.S. and Canada, and as opening act and MC for jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie. A native of upstate New York, Rick now resides in New York City. Rick DellaRatta's achievements as a world class musician as well as his musical message through Jazz to create peace and sharpen the minds of all mankind to its highest potential were summed up recently when he was referred to as "Mr. Jazz" by President George W. Bush.

Rick is the founder of Jazz for Peace, an American professional jazz organization with the goal of promoting unity and peace across cultures through the performance of music. They also seek to increase arts and music education in schools. Its motto is "Uniting People Through the Artform of Jazz".

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