

The Bucky Pizzarelli/Ed Laub Duo

The Bucky Pizzarelli and Ed Laub Duo have been performing for the past 12 years after a lifetime association as teacher/student.

As a duo they perform for audiences all over the US and Canada in clubs, concert halls and jazz festivals.

They combine instrumental and vocal arrangements with an emphasis on the Great American Songbook and well as some of the classic 1930's guitar duos made popular by Carl Kress/ Dick McDonough, Eddie Lang and George Smith

Their great friendship of over 45 years is evident in their sound and the way they interact together on stage.

Bucky Pizzarelli Born in Paterson, NJ in 1926 Bucky is a world-renowned jazz guitarist. His career spans over 70 years from the Vaughn Monroe Orchestra, to the Johnny Carson Tonight Show. Hundreds of jazz concerts worldwide, including White House performances with Benny Goodman, Frank Sinatra, and Claude "Fiddler" Williams, with Presidents Reagan and Clinton add to the list.

His numerous worldwide tours also included performances with practically every jazz legend, such as Stephane Grapelli, Slam Stewart, Tal Farlow, Rosemary Clooney, Zoot Sims, Benny Carter, Michael Feinstein and Charlie Byrd, to name a few. He has hundreds of jazz recordings with every major jazz great, including his own solo albums and work with his two sons, John and Martin Pizzarelli. He is on the soundtrack of Woody Allen's Sweet and Lowdown and appeared on PBS with Les Paul and Tal Farlow, The New Jersey Jazz Guitars [Filmed at Rutgers University].

Last year, Bucky became one of the very first musicians in New Jersey to have two of his guitars, along with a recorded history of his lifetime in music, inducted into the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

In 2011 Bucky was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame and in 2012 recorded with Paul McCartney on his latest Grammy Winning Album, "Kisses On The Bottom"

Ed Laub is a locally renowned guitarist and vocalist whose style has been compared to a blend of Kenny Rankin, Chet Baker and James Taylor all being accompanied by Bucky Pizzarelli. Ed says, " that's not bad company to be associated with. They were amongst the artists to whom I listened to and was most influenced by. I guess I would say I am honored with that comparison"

Because of Ed's talent as an accompanist and the fact that he is one of the more accomplished 7 String guitarists, he is sought after by many of the top guitarists in the NYC metropolitan area to back them up and adds a pianistic style that makes a duo sound more like a trio. Focusing mostly on the American Songbook genre Ed also loves to perform the great Brazilian classics using a nylon 7-string guitar.

Born in northern Bergen County, New Jersey in 1952, Ed grew up in a family of musicians and his one uncle was an accomplished organist/arranger who spent

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many years with Mitch Miller and the Fred Waring. There was always live music at every family gathering and the desire to be part of that encouraged Ed to pursue learning an instrument. After abandoning the trumpet and the piano, the February 1964 performance of the Beatles on Ed Sullivan's show was the catalyst to taking up the guitar and singing.

In '66 Ed had the good fortune to study with a marvelous guitarist and banjoist, Bobby Domenic (Uncle to jazz legend, Bucky Pizzarelli) and ultimately a few years later in 1969, studying the 7 String guitar with Bucky. Ed graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a degree in music and business and maintained a dual career in both his family business and as a musician in a variety of bands.

12 years ago Ed dissociated himself of all his business ties and became the steady partner to his teacher, hero and close friend, Bucky Pizzarelli. They now travel all over the metropolitan area and major cities in the US, playing in clubs, concert venues and jazz festivals. **All About Jazz Magazine** said, "***Pizzarelli is the complete jazz musician and Laub complements him perfectly!***"

Besides being the consummate rhythm guitarist and accompanist Ed is in demand as a vocalist and performs with such great artists as Gene Bertoncini, John Pizzarelli, Paul Meyers, Martin Pizzarelli, Howard Alden, Frank Vignola, Jay Leonhart, Russ Kasso, Russell Malone, Jack Wilkins and special guest appearances with the late Kenny Rankin.

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