

# Organist Pat Bianchi ..... *short bio*

Grammy nominated organist and winner of Downbeat Magazine's 2016 rising star poll, Pat Bianchi has established himself as one of the premier organists on the international scene today. His command of the instrument, harmonic prowess, rhythmic intensity and versatility are rivaled by few. Along with leading his current group, he performs regularly with jazz guitar icon, Pat Martino and also was a long time member of NEA Jazz Master and saxophone legend, Lou Donaldson's quartet. Born in Rochester New York, Bianchi comes from a musically gifted family. He began playing organ at the age of 7 and was playing his first professional gigs by the age of 11. While in grade school, he enrolled in The Eastman School of Music's preparatory program for piano and music theory at the same time Pat was being mentored by numerous musicians in the Rochester music scene. Bianchi continued his studies at Berklee College of Music (Boston, MA) and graduated with a Bachelors of Music in Jazz Piano Performance. While having the honor to perform with such greats as: Red Holloway, Terell Stafford, Peter Bernstein, Joey DeFrancesco, Dakota Staton, Ralph Peterson, Tim Warfield, Chuck Loeb, Mark Whitfield and many others. Bianchi has released six CD's as a leader and is also a featured artist on over 30 recordings. His newest release, "In The Moment" (Which was #1 on Jazzweek Radio Charts and #2 for over 8 weeks) features an array of guests including Pat Martino, Kevin Mahogany, Joe Locke, Peter Bernstein, Paul Bollenback, Byron Landham, Carmen Intorre, Jr.

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