

Jazz Trio



Meet the *SRS Jazz Trio*, a Boston-based improvisational ensemble. Their influences circle the globe; from traditional Jazz to Latin, Middle Eastern styles to newly composed works. Their music reflects their individual journeys as they come together to share their musical vision and common language.

Susan Reed, violin

Susan is a contemporary violinist, vocalist, storyteller, recording artist, author and educator from the Boston area. Fluent in many styles, Susan interprets the world through sound. She combines her musical artistry with storytelling, crafting original shows that celebrate our humanity. Equally adept in collaboration, Susan adds her lyrical line to the musical mix of the moment. Susan performs with several Boston-based jazz bands and tours with her daughters in their string band, *Tatu Mianzi*. Common to her performances is her trademark warmth and wit, and her conviction that music has the power to broaden people's understanding of the world around them.

Rob Schneider, guitar

Rob began his professional music career when he left New York City to form a Boston band playing original country/folk rock at colleges and clubs throughout New England. His lead guitar work and vocal arrangements were particularly valued in this group. He turned his attention to jazz after developing a personal relationship with piano great Mary Lou Williams, well-known as the First Lady of Jazz. Her exceptional musicianship and her belief in the healing power of jazz, with its roots in the blues, greatly influence his playing style. Recently retired from a 35-year career as a clinical psychologist, he is currently the guitarist in *Soft Touch Dance Band*, performing regularly throughout the Boston area.

Shimon Ben-Shir, bass

Music educator, and Berklee College of Music graduate Shimon Ben-Shir grew up in Israel, surrounded by the sounds of Middle Eastern music. Since 1994 Shimon has immersed himself in the New England music scene, playing in a wide range of bands covering diverse musical genres. Shimon is the leader of *The Shimon Ben-Shir Group*, with considerable performances in many notable venues throughout the Boston area. Shimon's rich compositions and his albums received numerous favorable reviews in jazz magazines around the country, as well as a feature article in the Boston Globe.

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