

## **Per Danielsson**

Jazz pianist, composer, arranger, writer and educator, Per Danielsson is a native of Stockholm, Sweden. After formal piano studies in Sweden, which included lessons with Robert Malmberg and world-renowned jazz pianist Bengt Hallberg, his love of jazz brought him across the ocean to attend the internationally acclaimed North Texas State University. Per completed his Master's degree in jazz studies, composition and arranging, studying with one of the finest jazz writer/arrangers of today, Chuck Owen at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Per is an active performer, appearing often as a guest artist, soloist, clinician, and sideman, nationally and internationally. He holds the position of Associate Professor of Jazz Studies at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. In addition, Per is active in jazz education outreach. He has served on the Presidential advisory board of the Jazz Education Network and is currently Artistic Director of the American Jazz Pianist Competition.

His career has included performances with many leading jazz artists and entertainers such as Louis Bellson, Clark Terry, Bob Brookmeyer, Randy Brecker, Danny Gottlieb to mention a few. Per is a proud member of Chuck Owen's innovative and 7-time Grammy nominated big band, The Jazz Surge. He has also performed with Swedish jazz legends Arne Domnerus and Jan Allan.

His latest project, *Timeless Moments* was recorded in Sweden and can be heard on all streaming platforms. The CD includes mostly original compositions and features two prominent Swedish musicians, Hans Backenroth on bass and Joakim Ekberg on drums. Per can also be heard on recordings with Chuck Owen and the Jazz Surge and The UCF Jazz Professors.

Per shares his knowledge in current publications by Mel Bay including, Essential Jazz Lines in the style of Bill Evans, Essential Jazz Lines in the style of Miles Davis. First Lesson Piano, You can Teach Yourself Piano Chords, Real Book DVD and others.

Per proudly represents Bosendorfer and Yamaha pianos.