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Rondout Valley school bands open for Steve Wilson, Paul Bollenback, Larry Grenadier & Adam Nussbaum this Monday at SUNY-Ulster in Stone Ridge

A quick glance at the impressive lineup at the Falcon in Marlboro and what Laura Hartmann is up to in the Rondout Valley suggests that the forecast for great jazz in our area is looking superb. This Monday, December 20, Hartmann will present saxophone great Steve Wilson and guitarist Paul Bollenback fronting an all-world rhythm section of bassist Larry Grenadier (a resident of the Hudson Valley) and drummer Adam Nussbaum, in conjunction with the Rondout Valley Central School District, at Quimby Theater at SUNY-Ulster. There will be a 30-minute meet-the-artist at 7 p.m. with an opportunity to ask questions; then, at 7:30 p.m., the highly esteemed Middle School and High School Jazz Ensembles will open the concert with works by Chick Corea, Charles Mingus, Lester Young and more.

Grenadier appears on Wilson's 1996 Criss Cross release *Four for Time*, and then a year or so later they played together on Bill Stewart's recording *Telepathy*. Bollenback appears on Wilson's 2003 MaxxJazz recording *Soulful Song*, and they did a few gigs together in the early 2000s.

A longtime manager of top jazz artists and a native of Greene County, Hartmann moved up to the Kingston area three years

ago, and last July gave herself a birthday gift by presenting her client, Wilson, with guitarist Vic Juris, bassist Jay Anderson and drummer Dennis Mackrel at the Backstage Productions Space. That gig was followed in August with a trifecta featuring Rich Syracuse, Helen Sung and Carolyn Leonhart. In October, Nussbaum and Anderson played a Hartmann-presented trio gig, pushing and prodding that evening's leader, the great guitarist and composer –

not to mention fierce educator – Matt Finck.

Hartmann no longer has access to the BSP venue, learning of this unpleasant fact after booking this gig. Not wanting to give up on bringing these guys to the area, she happened to mention her conundrum to a local resident. "Matt Finck invited me to meet Rosario Agostaro, the superintendent of the Rondout Valley school system," explains Hartmann. "So there we were, and the idea of a workshop got brought up.

So these great artists will go in and work with students during the day. That night, the school's bands will open the gig. It's really more like a festival."

For information call (845) 514-2079 or visit

www.lvanhart.com/news.php. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15 general admission, \$8 with student ID. SUNY-Ulster is located at 491 Cottekill Road in Stone Ridge.

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