

Alexa Tarantino is an award-winning, vibrant, young jazz saxophonist, woodwind doubler, composer, and educator. Alexa's "exquisite soloing that is fresh, inspired, and original," (Paul Rauch, *All About Jazz*) establishes her individual voice which shines through as a dynamic performer and educator. She holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Jazz Saxophone Performance at The Juilliard School.

She performs regularly as a leader and sideman in a wide variety of ensembles and genres including Sherrie Maricle & the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, Arturo O'Farrill & The Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra (holding a weekly residency at Birdland Jazz Club), LSAT (her new quintet co-led with baritone saxophonist Lauren Sevian), and the Alexa Tarantino Quartet.

Tarantino is currently on faculty for Jazz at Lincoln Center's Youth Programs and previously served as Jazz Saxophone Instructor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Tarantino also teaches at the Rockport Jazz Workshop (MA), of which she is Founder and Director.

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