

Albert Rivera Short Bio

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Described by WNPR's Owen McNally as "A Modern Jazz Messenger" Bronx born and raised saxophonist Albert Rivera got his introduction to jazz at LaGuardia High School for Performing Arts in New York City and continued his musical studies in the summer at the Litchfield Jazz Camp, followed by attending The New School University Jazz and Contemporary Music Program. Since then he has toured extensively both nationally and internationally and stays active in New York venues like The Blue Note, Smalls, Zinc Bar, Cleopatra's Needle, 55 Bar, Dizzy's Club Coca Cola and more.

His love, passion and dedication for music has put him on stage with the who's who in the industry including Junior Mance, Winard Harper, Claudio Roditi, Rachel Z, The Curtis Brothers and many others.

Downbeat magazine called Albert and his band "part of the next wave in this jazz ritual." He was selected as a 2012 Chamber Music America Residency Grant and a winner of the 2009 ASCAP Young Jazz Composers Award. He is the current Director of Operations at the Litchfield Jazz Camp and endorses Vandoren ligatures, mouthpieces and reeds as well as RSBerkeley Saxophones.