

## CALENDAR

## JAZZ PICK OF THE WEEK

## DENNY ZEITLIN, DAVID FRIESEN

Group dynamics are more easily untangled when the group is small. That's why the interaction between musicians playing in duos is especially fascinating. Worked out in advance by a composer, as in the case of Saint Saëns' Sonata for Cello and Piano, opus 32, or in any number of classical instrumental pairings, the exercise reveals the workings of a single mind. But in improvisational music, two minds combine to create the whole, telling something of themselves as they search for common ground. A pair of improvisational music's more interesting personalities, pianist Denny Zeitlin and bassist David Friesen,



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Zeitlin, Friesen

do just that on the latest release in Concord Records' duo series recorded live at Maybeck Recital Hall in Berkeley. Though it's a program of standards, the music only frames the larger exercise; the two often state themes in unusual, disharmonious ways. They converse, agree and grapple, taking gentlemanly turns as each falls back to support the other. Collaborative efforts are only as strong as their individual participants and these two make for an especially resourceful and sensitive pair. Friesen cut his teeth jamming in Seattle with Larry Coryell and Michael Brecker and has since worked with Joe Henderson, Billy Harper, Paul Horn, John Scofield, Airto and fellow bassist Glen Moore, as well as putting out a string of albums under his own name. Zeitlin is a practicing psychiatrist, and the influence is obvious in his heavily analytical style. The two have worked together frequently over the last 10 years, so it's not as if this will be an introductory session. Instead, they'll be exploring deeper truths, while illuminating the audience along the way. At the Jazz Bakery, Fri.-Sat., May 19-20.

—Bill Kohlhaase

We also recommend: *Dorothy Donegan, Billy Childs* at Catalina, Fri.-Sun.; *Black/Note* at Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Fri.; *Ernie Andrews* at Legends of Hollywood, Fri.-Sat.; *Octavio Bailly* at La Vé Lee, Sat.; *Jack Sheldon* at Chadney's, Fri.; *Kevin Eubanks, Adam Rudolph* at Jazz Bakery, Sun.; *Maurice Spears* at World Stage, Sun.; *Buckshot LeFonque* at Luna Park, Mon.; *Freddie Hubbard, B Sharp Jazz Quartet* at Catalina, Tues.-Thurs.; *Kel Akagi* at Bel Age Hotel, Wed.; *Jon Mayer* at Chadney's, Wed.; *Jay Migliori* at Luna Park, Thurs.