

A skillful and multifaceted composer and arranger, seasoned bandleader and conductor and in-demand producer, **Oded Lev-Ari** has established himself as one of the most accomplished and versatile musicians of his generation.

Most recently, **Lev-Ari** was musical director for a Billie Holiday tribute concert, featuring Madeleine Peyroux, Bucky Pizzarelli, Mulgrew Miller, Ron Carter, Antonio Sanchez, Marcus Strickland, Anat Cohen, Ingrid Jensen and the Brazilian singer Mart'nália. Lev-Ari also collaborated with Anat Cohen on the highly acclaimed release *Noir*, and with Emmy award winning performer Theodore Bikel on a variety of live performance and recording projects.

His work as an arranger has earned him rave reviews, as well as a mention in *DownBeat Magazine's* critic's poll.

**Oded Lev-Ari** was born in Tel Aviv, Israel. He attended the Thelma Yelin High School for the Arts and served in the Israeli Defense Force Orchestra. From 1993 to 1996 **Oded** held the position of house arranger for the Dan Shilon - Live! television talk show. He has written over 500 arrangements and compositions for chamber ensemble, jazz big band, Wind and Symphony Orchestra. **Lev-Ari** is a recipient of the America Israel Cultural Fund scholarship, and graduated with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music, where he studied with renowned Composer and Trombone player Bob Brookmeyer.

**Oded's** compositions have been performed on stages in Israel and the United States, and include chamber, vocal and orchestral works, as well as compositions for Jazz combos and large ensembles.

As a pianist, **Oded** has appeared in Mexico, Canada, Russia, France, the Netherlands and the United States, and on stages such as Jordan Hall in Boston, the Mann Auditorium in Tel-Aviv and New York Jazz clubs such as The Stone and Cornelia Street Cafe.

**Oded** has been very active in education for aspiring musicians and people of all ages. Some of **Oded's** research work has been featured in the Harvard Graduate School of Education news. **Lev-Ari** has been working on developing and researching improvisation and composition for children, teenagers and adults and is currently developing a composition and improvisation workshop curriculum.