Eliane Elias and Marc Johnson Duo

Multi GRAMMY® and Multi Latin GRAMMY-winning musicians, pianist/singer/composer/arranger Eliane Elias and Marc Johnson, bassist/co- producer present their distinctive musical styles in a rare duo performance. Early in their careers, they established themselves individually as jazz artists on the world stage; Eliane with the ensemble Steps Ahead and Marc with the Bill Evans Trio. In 1990, Marc joined Eliane’s trio and the two have been touring, composing and producing albums together ever since, primarily in Eliane’s working groups from small to large ensembles.

In this presentation, Eliane and Marc demonstrate their shared affinities for the music of Bill Evans and Antonio Carlos Jobim, the harmonies and rhythms of Brazil, Brazilian and American jazz classics from romantic ballads to up-tempo swinging standards. Their interest in various forms of improvised music, their foundations as classically trained musicians, their understanding of jazz and jazz history give them a unique perspective which they bring to bear in every musical performance they give. They have created over a dozen beautiful recordings together, received 12 Grammy Award nominations, and in the past 8 years, they have won 2 Grammy Awards and 2 Latin Grammy Awards.

**Eliane Elias** has one of the most unique and immediately recognizable sounds in jazz and Brazilian music. She blends her Brazilian roots and alluring voice with her virtuosic instrumental jazz, classical and compositional skills, while she consistently displays her pianistic mastery and ability to integrate the many artistic roles she takes on. With 31 albums, and most of them hitting #1 on the jazz charts worldwide, she has sold over 2.5 million albums and has toured 77 countries to date. She is a two-time GRAMMY® winner and a two-time Latin GRAMMY-winner, a four-time Gold Disc Award recipient, a three-time Best Vocal Album winner in Japan and winner of the Edison Lifetime Achievement Award in Holland (2018) to name a few accolades.  Her 2019 and 2021 albums (*Love Stories* and the Grammy and Latin Grammy winner *Mirror Mirror*) were both voted “Downbeat’s Best Album of the Year - Masterpiece”. In 2023, her album *Quietude* (2022) received a Latin GRAMMY Award nomination for Best Engineered Album and brought Eliane her second a LIBERA Award nomination for Best Latin Jazz Record of the Year .

**Marc Johnson** has had a long and illustrious career as a jazz bassist, band-leader and more recently, co-producer of albums with Eliane Elias. Marc’s early work with the Bill Evans Trio and Stan Getz Quartet elevated him to the international stage as a marvelous accompanist and expressive soloist.  Subsequent touring and recording with a who’s who list of jazz luminaries established Marc’s prowess as a creative improvising musician and much sought-after collaborator for his elastic sense of time and intuitive interplay. His albums on ECM Records were all critically acclaimed and the award-winning release “Shades of Jade” received special attention from listeners and critics alike.  Marc’s most recent album release titled “Overpass” on ECM Records is a tour de force solo bass album revealing Marc’s virtuosity and very personal voice on the double bass.