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## Trumpeter Dominick Farinacci & Vocalist Tony DeSare Star in **Sinatra: A Closer Look, a Live-Streamed Concert**

*Internationally acclaimed jazz composer and trumpeter-Dominick Farinacci and jazz vocalist Tony DeSare explore the classic hits and uncommon songs of Frank Sinatra*

*"...two parts young Sinatra to one part Billy Joel..." – New York Times*

*"(Dominick) is 360 degrees!" – Quincy Jones*

CLEVELAND, OH - Dominick Farinacci invites you to take a fresh glance at Frank Sinatra's classic songbook, along with a few lesser-known masterpieces he recorded, in a new live-streamed concert, **SINATRA: A Closer Look**. The performance will feature critically acclaimed pianist and vocalist Tony DeSare, profiled on *The Today Show*, *NPR*, and with comedic legend Don Rickles. This one-night-only concert will be broadcast from the Gill and Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts and presented in partnership with Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland. Viewers will also have an opportunity to join Grammy Award-winning scholar Loren Schoenberg for an in-depth look at Sinatra's story and lesser-known works.

**SINATRA: A Closer Look** will be presented on Sunday, March 28, 2021, at 7:30 pm (EST) and available for on-demand viewing through April 7th. Tickets and viewing information can be found at [SongbookWatchParty.com](http://SongbookWatchParty.com).

"At the beginning of spring, and with a more hopeful outlook on the year ahead, we look forward to channeling the beauty and joy Sinatra's music has brought to the world through his most beloved songs. We'll also highlight a selection of songs from an amazing lesser-known album scholar Loren Schoenberg introduced me to: *"The Songs of Great Britain,"* Farinacci notes.

Farinacci has involved long-time collaborator and scholar Loren Schoenberg to provide context for the little-explored musical playlist of **SINATRA: A Closer Look**. Schoenberg will present an exclusive online talk, "Frankly Sinatra," on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:00 pm (EST.) Access is included in the All-Access Pass and offered as an 'add-on' for Single Stream Pass holders. Mr. Schoenberg is the founding director and Senior Scholar of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, a saxophonist, pianist, and a faculty member at The Juilliard School.

Farinacci goes on to say, "I recorded a track with Tony DeSare on his "Radio Show" album a few years back, and have always loved his voice and depth of understanding of music from this time. His work as a composer for various commercials and films is equally admirable, and I certainly look forward to having come to Cleveland for this special show."

The concert will be performed without a live audience, employing socially distanced staging, personal protective gear, and safety protocols to protect the staff, crew, and musicians.

Viewers can choose from various streaming options, including a Single Streaming Pass and an All-Access Streaming Pass that offers up more interactive experiences for the whole household, including a virtual meet-and-greet and the live talk "Frankly Sinatra" presented by scholar Loren Schoenberg. **SINATRA: A Closer Look** also offers an exclusive option to request a song and song dedication with limited availability.

Bandleader Farinacci has lined up a versatile and exciting group of musicians for **SINATRA: A Closer Look**:

**Dominick Farinacci**, trumpet & bandleader

**Tony DeSare**, special guest vocalist & pianist

**Steve Kortyka**, saxophone

**Aidan Plank**, bass

**Jim Rupp**, drums

**Loren Schoenberg**, scholar

#### **About Dominick Farinacci**

<https://www.dominickfarinacci.com>

Trumpeter and Mack Avenue Recording artist, Dominick Farinacci graduated from The Juilliard School in 2005, launching his career in Japan with a prolific run of eight albums, later releasing four more globally. He has performed in more than 120 cities in 14 countries around the world and was featured on **ABC's Good Morning America**. He gave a **TED Talk** in 2014 at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and has served as Ambassador to Jazz at Lincoln Center in Qatar from 2013-2015, working to further integrate music into communities around the world in culturally collaborative ways.

Dominick has been successful in bringing music into new communities through Arts and Wellness and Education. He created **Modern Warrior LIVE** with US Army Veteran Jaymes Poling, a theatrical touring production that works to heighten awareness around PTSD and the potential for growth through traumatic experiences. MWL has recently been showcased at Amazon Headquarters and at the National Council for Behavioral Health. Dominick has been a leading advocate in music and educational development and is the Director of the **Tri-C JazzFest Academy**, a pre-college jazz program at the Gill and Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio.

#### **About Tony DeSare**

<https://www.tonydesare.com/>

Tony DeSare performs with infectious joy, wry playfulness and robust musicality. Named a Rising Star Male Vocalist in Downbeat magazine, DeSare has lived up to this distinction by winning critical and popular acclaim for his concert performances throughout North America and abroad. From jazz clubs to Carnegie Hall to Las Vegas headlining with Don Rickles and major symphony orchestras, DeSare has brought his fresh take on old school class around the globe. DeSare has four top ten Billboard jazz albums under his belt and has been featured on the CBS Early Show, NPR, A Prairie Home Companion, the Today Show and his music has been posted by social media celebrity juggernaut, George Takei. DeSare has also collaborated with YouTube icons Postmodern Jukebox. DeSare's most recent release, Lush Life, debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard Traditional Jazz Chart.

Notwithstanding his critically acclaimed turns as a singer/pianist, DeSare is also an accomplished

award-winning composer. He not only won first place in the USA Songwriting Contest, but has written the theme song for the motion picture, My Date With Drew, several broadcast commercials and has composed the full soundtracks for the Hallmark Channel's Love Always, Santa, Lifetime's Nanny Nightmare and Lifetime's new A Welcome Home Christmas. His sound is romantic, swinging and sensual, but what sets DeSare apart is his ability to write original material that sounds fresh and contemporary, yet pays homage to the Great American Songbook. His compositions include a wide-range of romantic, funny, and soulful sounds that can be found on his top-selling recordings.

DeSare's forthcoming appearances include the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Kansas City Symphony, and the Columbus Jazz Orchestra.

DeSare releases new recordings, videos of standards and new originals regularly on his YouTube channel, iTunes and Spotify. Follow Tony on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and subscribe on YouTube to stay connected.

Tony DeSare is a Yamaha Artist.

### **About Loren Schoenberg**

<https://www.lorenschoenberg.com/>

Saxophonist and pianist Loren Schoenberg is founding director and senior scholar of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem. Born in Fair Lawn, N.J., Schoenberg attended the Manhattan School of Music. He is a faculty member at The Juilliard School, the Hartt School, and Barnard College. Schoenberg has also taught at the New School, the Manhattan School of Music, William Paterson University, and Long Island University. In addition, he has lectured at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the White House, the New York Philharmonic, and the Aspen Institute, where he is a fellow.

Schoenberg has conducted the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (J.L.C.O.) as well as the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, the American Jazz Orchestra, and the West Deutscher Rundfunk Jazz Orchestra in Kohn, Germany. He has played and recorded with Benny Carter, Benny Goodman, Jimmy Heath, John Lewis, Christian McBride, Buck Clayton, and the J.L.C.O. He served as musical director for Bobby Short from 1997-2005. Schoenberg also received two Grammy awards for best album notes in 1994 and 2004. He oversaw the Benny Goodman Archives at Yale, where he produced a 10-CD release of previously unissued Goodman recordings. He has taught for several J.L.C.O. education programs, including Band Director Academy and Jazz 101 adult education classes, and annually serves as a screening judge for Essentially Ellington tape entries. Schoenberg has been published widely (including in The New York Times), and his book, The NPR Guide to Jazz, was released in 2003.

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