

## C4 GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

### **Set Theory: Harvard-Westlake alumni musicians return to Vibrato August 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**

Three Harvard-Westlake alumni reunite on the Vibrato stage, joined by a talented new addition to round out their swinging sound

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On August 5<sup>th</sup>, three standout musician graduates of the Harvard-Westlake School (North Hollywood) will reunite on the Vibrato stage to perform a repertoire of classic and contemporary jazz. The alumni musicians - Jordan Bryan (drums), Jake Chapman (piano/vibes), and Spencer Horstman (tenor saxophone) have performed at Vibrato in the past as members of the top Harvard-Westlake Big Band and premier jazz combo, the Jazz Explorers. Now performing as the ensemble **Set Theory**, these musicians are joined by talented USC Thornton School of Music student, John Snow (bass).

**Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

**Vibrato Grill Jazz – 2930 Beverly Glen Circle, Bel Air, CA 90077**

**Reservations: 310.474.9400**

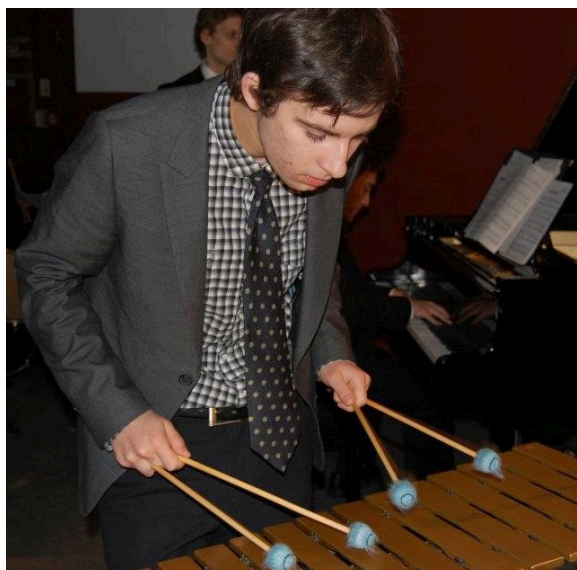
#### **Jordan Bryan (drums)**

Bryan is a sophomore at Stanford University, frequently performing on Monday nights with the house band at the Stanford COHO (coffee house) hangout. At Harvard-Westlake, he was lead drummer in the top Big Band and a member of the Harvard-Westlake Jazz Explorers. He is the founder of Set Theory and has performed regularly with various incarnations of this ensemble. Bryan was a faculty member at the 2012 San Jose Summer Jazz Program and has worked with some of the best musicians in the Bay Area.



#### **Jake Chapman (piano/vibes)**

Chapman is a graduate of Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles, enrolled in Columbia University this fall. In addition to playing vibes and piano with Harvard-Westlake's premier jazz ensemble, the Jazz Explorers, and with the school's top Big Band, Chapman is a member of the Colburn Conservatory's Monday Night Combo and is the leader of his own "Wolf Blitzers" jazz quartet. Chapman's original compositions are part of the repertoire of each of these ensembles.



## Spencer Horstman (tenor saxophone)

Horstman is a junior at Columbia University and is a member of a student-run combo that performs regularly in various venues around New York City. He was a member of the Harvard-Westlake Jazz Explorers and Jazz Big Band, and of the Colburn Conservatory's Thursday Night Combo. Horstman is an accomplished composer and sometimes plays keyboard in addition to his usual sax.



## John Snow (bass)

Snow is a sophomore at the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California where he is studying music in the jazz studies program. He has played in numerous ensembles, including the Hamilton High School "A" Band and the Colburn Conservatory's Monday Night Combo. A current member of the Jazz Honors Combo at Thornton and a leader of his own progressive rock group, Snow is working across genres to create a unique approach to jazz bass.



A unique environment located in the heart of Beverly Glen Circle, Vibrato boasts perfect acoustics with impeccable food. “My ambition is to have a club where you feel comfortable, where great musicians can play and appreciate sound and feeling - a venue for jazz players to perform,” says eight-time Grammy winner Alpert, who occasionally plays at Vibrato with his wife, Lani Hall, the Brasil 66 singer and Grammy winner for her Latin album, “Es Facil Amar.”

Vibrato seats one hundred around the stage and more on the balcony overlooking the club, designed by artist Alpert and decorator Clodagh. “The acoustics are a key component of the design,” says Alpert, whose art hangs in the club. “Wood and music create good sound. I used the A&M recording studio designer to make sure that the acoustics were right,” says Alpert.

Steve Oney, Los Angeles Magazine, May 2011 said: “Vibrato [has] cozy wooden interiors, perfect sight lines from every seat, and state-of-the-art acoustics...exactly what Herb Alpert had in mind when he started it. ‘There are so many great musicians in L.A.,’ he says, ‘I run the place so they’ll have somewhere to play.’”

*Vibrato Grill, Jazz, Etc. is an Herb Alpert restaurant in partnership with Gregg and Bob Smith of Smith Brothers restaurants.*

For the full performance calendar, visit <http://www.vibratogrilljazz.com/calendar/index.php>

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