

Equally at home in Jazz, Latin, Pop, and theatrical settings, pianist/composer Bob Albanese began his musical life at age 8. By age 15 he won the Garden State Talent Expo and began playing professionally. He has worked with a wide cross section of artists including Anita O'Day, Buddy Rich, Ben Vereen, Davevik, Bill Watrous, Loretta Ables-Sayre, Phil Woods, Freddie Hubbard, Ray Mantilla and James Ingram.

Based in New York since 1980, he has toured extensively all over the continental U.S., Hawaii, Europe, Japan, Russia, Armenia, the Balkans and South America.

In 2003, he was selected as a U.S. Jazz Ambassador and led his band, Café Simpatico in performance, workshops and cultural exchange throughout war torn former Yugoslavia; returning in 2010 for Kosovo's Pristina Jazz Festival promoting his critically acclaimed Zoho CD release "One Way / Detour".

He is presently musical director for Tony award winning Brazilian baritone, Paulo Szot.