

# Sarah Bernstein Quartet



## ALBUM RELEASE *Still/Free* on Leo Records

The spectacular debut of the Sarah Bernstein Quartet on Leo Records features the acclaimed New York violinist with master musicians Kris Davis on piano, Stuart Popejoy on electric bass and Ches Smith on drums. *Still/Free* showcases Bernstein's distinctive post-tonal and polyrhythmic jazz compositions, deconstructed by open improvisation and sonic exploration. The music develops through seven pieces which flow organically from minimalism to breathtaking be-bop to free jazz.

Track notes:

1. "Still/Free": The title track explores a haunting major over minor motif.
2. "Paper Eyes": A reflective ballad is introduced by a freely improvised piano/violin duet.
3. "Cede": The dissonant, uptempo post-bop tune establishes a strong jazz setting.
4. "Nightmorning": Darkly elegant counterpoint supports solitary improvisation.
5. "4="": A post-tonal overture to free-jazz interrogation blasts into an angular head and solos.
6. "Jazz Camp": Poetry meets rhythmic austerity and ferocious soloing.
7. "Wind Chime": Minimalist violin pizzicato and ensemble soundscapes create a meditative effect.

## BIO

**SARAH BERNSTEIN** is a violinist, composer, improviser, vocalist and poet based in NYC. Nominated "Rising Star" in the 2015 and 2016 DownBeat Critics Poll, she is a recognized innovator with many recordings to her credit. Her jazz quartet release *Still/Free* is out on Leo Records with Kris Davis, Stuart Popejoy and Ches Smith. She also leads the minimalist/experimental duo *Unearthish* with Satoshi Takeishi, improvising strings *Frikativ Quartet* and solo performance *Exolinger*. Collaborative projects include the noise/poetry trio *Iron Dog*, synth-pop band *Day So Far* and *Kid Millions/Sarah Bernstein Duo*. Recent work as a violinist is with Anthony Braxton, Steve Swell, Ron Anderson, James Ilgenfritz, Taylor Ho Bynum, Hans Tammen and Dave Scott. Sarah is originally from San Francisco, CA. <http://sarahbernstein.com>

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