Program:

Bach Invention 4 in D Minor
Anthony Burr, clarinet

Halt (Karlheinz Stockhausen)
Mark Dresser, bass

Penance I, XI, XV (Art Lande)
Aleck Karis, piano

Improvisation
Mark Dresser, bass

Selections from Telemann concerto
in D for trumpet
Aleck Karis, piano

Biography:

Since 1991, trumpeter/composer/educator Ralph Alessi has been an active member of the New York jazz and improvised music scene as both a sideman and leader. Called "...a highly-in-demand, adventurous virtuoso who can handle just about anything" (L.A. Weekly), Alessi has performed and recorded with the likes of Steve Coleman, Uri Caine, Don Byron, Ravi Coltrane, Sam Rivers, Drew Gress, Fred Hersch and many other of the great innovators in improvised music.

As a leader, Alessi has four recordings to his name: Hissy Fit, Vice Virtue, This Against That (voted one of the top ten records of 2002 by Jazz Times) and the recently released, Look featuring his band, This Against That. In the coming year he will release 2 more recordings, one being a quartet project featuring Jason Moran.

As an educator, Alessi has been a member of the faculties at Five Towns College and the Eastman School of Music. He is currently the founder and director of the School for Improvisational Music (www.schoolforimprov.org), a non-profit entity currently holding improvisational music workshops in Brooklyn. Since 2002, he has been on the jazz faculty at New York University.

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