

# Richie Vitale

Trumpet / Teacher / Composer

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## Performing and Composing

- Bandleader, arranger and lead trumpet of Orquesta Universal, his eleven-piece salsa band featuring twice-Grammy nominated, Cuban born singer, David Oquendo.
- Bandleader of his quintet touring Europe, Japan, Korea, the Middle East, San Francisco and Los Angeles.
- Jazz trumpet soloist in the Broadway show "Come Fly Away" featuring a 19-piece big band performing the music of Sinatra to the dancing of the Twyla Tharp Dance Troupe.
- Trumpet soloist with Frank Sinatra for five years.
- Trumpet soloist with Buddy Rich for a year.
- Featured soloist with the Vanguard Orchestra, the Toshiko Akiyoshi Big Band, the Basie Band, and the Ellington Band.
- Performances with Tony Bennett, James Taylor, Joe Williams, Jack Bruce, and Sting.
- Awarded a National Endowment for the Arts grant to perform as the Richie Vitale Quintet featuring Barry Harris at Symphony Space in New York City.
- Appearing frequently in clubs throughout the New York Metropolitan area.

## Teaching

Presently	Teaching at New Jersey City University
2012	Lafayette Summer Music Jazz Workshop
2006	Eastman School of Music, teaching Clinics and Master Classes
2003 - 2006	Long Island University, Adjunct Brass Instructor and leading the LIU Jazz Ensemble
2003	Manhattan School of Music, Adjunct Brass Instructor
2002 - 2004	Henry Street Settlement School, teaching Jazz Ensemble and Brass Instructor

## Arranging

1988 -1989	Studied arranging with Bob Brookmeyer and Manny Album w/BMI Jazz Composers Workshop
2006	Arranged and recorded "Village Beauty," an original composition for Chris Byar's Octet
2011	Composed, arranged and recording several quintet songs for <i>Vitalogy</i> CD
2011	Completed 3 big band arrangements for Bobby Sanabria for Manhattan School of Music

## Arts in Education

2003 - Present	Manhattan New Music Project (MNMP) Teaching grades 5 to 12 as a Brass Specialist in the New York City public school system.
2007 - Present	Artist in Residence, Young Audiences/New York (YANY), teaching Recorder to grades 3 and 4; Co-Director of a salsa band with percussionist Berardo "Chacho" Ramirez (PS89K).
2002 - 2005	Trumpet at Mickey Mantle High School and Washington Irving High School.
2004 - 2006	Taught Professional Development Classes to music teachers/artists.

## Recordings as Leader

2011	" <i>Vitalogy</i> ," The Richie Vitale Quintet (jazz - all originals)
2005	" <i>New York Salsa</i> ," Orquesta Universal (salsa and latin jazz)
2000	" <i>Shake It!</i> " The Richie Vitale Quintet (jazz - originals and standards)
1996	" <i>Live at Smalls</i> ," Richie Vitale Quintet (jazz - originals and standards)
1988	" <i>Dreamsville</i> ," Richie Vitale Quintet (jazz - originals and standards)

## Recordings as Sideman

2006	" <i>Night Owls</i> " Chris Byars Octet (jazz - originals and standards)
2006	" <i>The Evening Sound</i> " Neil Minor Sextet (jazz - originals and standards)
1992	" <i>Duets 2</i> " Frank Sinatra
1984	" <i>Vertical Currency</i> " Kip Hanrahan presents Jack Bruce

## Studied with:

Woody Shaw  
Carmine Caruso