

Just (Jazz) Friends

Just (Jazz) Friends with Sarie Teichman is a NYC-based ensemble playing vocal and instrumental jazz standards focused on the *American Songbook*, with occasional forays into Pop /R&B classics from the '60s and '70s.

Vocalist Sarie Teichman heads the group with core members – Finn Summerell, guitar; Michi Yoshimura, piano; Sal Gargano, sax and flute. Additional members rotate on bass and percussion. For *Make Music New York 2017* at Albert's Garden, Ken Malloy was on drums, and Bruno Razafindrakoto on bass.



Albert's Garden 2017

The group is the resident jazz ensemble at [Sirovich Center](#) in Manhattan's East Village where they perform several full concerts throughout the year. They offer free monthly open rehearsals where people can watch the "process" of making music and creating a performance.

Just (Jazz) Friends also performs for parties, not-for-profit events, and community and church groups in various configurations from duos and trios, to the entire ensemble depending on the venue. Their members are working professionals in a variety of fields – human services, the arts, diplomacy, environmental protection and music therapy – and at their core, they are all passionate students of jazz.

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