

PLAY, SING & DANCE
BRAZILIAN MUSIC
FUN HOUR!



John Allen Watts, piano
Débora Watts, vocals/percussion

A communal, hands-on experience:

One hour program of Brazilian and American Jazz standards that will encourage and inspire the participation of the attendees.

The extraordinary, multi-cultural history of Brazilian music and rhythms will be related, leading to the sharing of percussion instruments with the attendees. Very quickly a sense of community is felt as everyone begins to play percussion and sing along. Eventually dancing will happen too. The experience is organic, the responses are spontaneous and everyone participates at their own pace. Even the most reticent individuals are typically won over by the end of the show so that everyone has an honest experience of the joy of music making and dancing together.

Listen to the full band (3, 4 and 5-piece band also available) performing of "Satin Doll":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSG_8DfLcs4



About Débora & John:

John Allen Watts (www.johnallenwatts.com) is a classically-trained pianist, composer, and producer. He holds BA in music theory and composition from Brown University and an MFA in musical theatre composition at NYU's Tisch School for the Arts. He is a composer & music director at the Lucy Moses Summer Musical Theatre Workshop for children. John's voracious musical appetite has taken him from Chopin to rock, pop and jazz, middle eastern music and eventually Brazilian popular music. He is currently collaborating on two full-length musical theatre works.

In 1990, John co-founded the "Off Wall Street Jam", the nation's first weekend warrior music club. Since then he has never wavered from his mission to educate and inspire people, young and old, to express themselves through music.

Débora Watts (www.deborawatts.com) is a Brazilian vocalist and composer. She has performed on premier stages spanning much of the globe from Rio de Janeiro to Armenia. In 2017, Débora recorded and released her 2nd CD, consisting entirely of her own compositions. The CD "Um Samba ao Contrário" ("Upside Down Samba"), produced by John Allen Watts, led to appearances on Brazilian TV and radio, where her music has been played on regular rotation. In 2018 Débora's CD was awarded "Best Brazilian CD in the USA" at the Brazilian Press Awards.

Débora has a natural way of getting people to play, sing & even dance during her events. A gifted performer in her own right, these events are all about the community she is with and the experience and joy of sharing music. It is truly unlike anything else.

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