

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2011

Showcase

Jazz series

The Music Conservatory of Westchester will host a series of jazz concerts featuring performers Rale Micic, the Neil Alexander Quartet and Trio Shalva. The series will kick off tonight, Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m. with a free performance by conservatory faculty musician Micic alongside Mimi Jones (bass)



Rale Micic

and Israel Bannerman (drums). Micic is a CTA Records recording artist and has performed at jazz clubs and music festivals throughout the United States and Europe. During his jazz series performance, Micic will film scenes for the music video "Serbology," a track off his third album, "3." Conservatory faculty pianist Hiroshi Yamazaki will perform a jazz benefit concert Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m. with all

proceeds benefiting the relief effort in Japan. The Osaka-born Yamazaki will be joined by fellow artists Bill Crow and Sean Smith (bass), Jan Leder (flute), Takeshi Ogura (guitar), Andrew Beals (alto sax), and Tony Jefferson (drums). Yamazaki has set a \$10,000 goal for the event; donations will be sent to charities assisting in Japan's recovery. To purchase tickets and/or donate, visit www.japanbenefit.eventbrite.com.

The Neil Alexander Quartet will take the stage Saturday, April 2, at 8 p.m. A rock-infused jazz band founded by Alexander, the quartet also features Nadav Zelniker (drums), Steve Frieder (saxophone) and Jim Cammack (acoustic/electric bass). Admission is \$15; \$10 seniors and MCW alumni, students and faculty. To purchase tickets, visit: www.whenworldscollideeventbrite.com.

For info about these and future jazz series concerts, call 761-3900 or visit www.musicconservatory.org. MCW is located at 216 Central Ave., White Plains.