

# Wendell Rivera

Latin percussionist, producer

Wendell Rivera is one of the leading ambassadors of Latin Jazz, an invigorating jazz sound that incorporates Afro-Caribbean grooves with the free melodic and harmonic elements of progressive jazz. Rivera came into his own in 1996 with his debut, *No Boundaries*, on his own WPR Music label. Two years later, he released *Portfolio* under World Class Records. *Portfolio* drew critical acclaim and put him on the map as a bonafide leader. Over the years he has performed with artists as diverse as Ben Vereen, Aretha Franklin, Dave Valentin, Bob Mintzer, Humberto Ramirez, Yomo Toro, and Ralph Irizarry.

He has performed frequently in high profile jazz festivals in and around Western New York. In the year 2000, Rivera was inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame, an award that recognized his achievements and musical contributions.

His current ensemble features five internationally acclaimed Buffalo-based artists: Pat Georger (piano), Andrew Weinzler (saxophone), John Curry (bass), John Bacon, Jr. (drums), and David Kayne (vibes).

## **Selected Discography:**

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2006	<i>Wendell Rivera</i>	<i>Wendell Rivera's Latin Jazz Ensemble</i>
2002	<i>Wendell Rivera</i>	<i>Among Friends</i>
1998	<i>Wendell Rivera</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
1996	<i>Wendell Rivera</i>	<i>No Boundaries</i>
1993	<i>Wendell Rivera</i>	<i>Los Hermanos Rivera</i>

## **Also appears on:**

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1998	<i>Carol McLaughlin</i>	<i>Two Hearts and a Diamond</i>
1997	<i>Miki Howard</i>	<i>Can't count me out</i>
1995	<i>Jeff Hackworth</i>	<i>Just for You</i>
1992	<i>Jeff Jarvis</i>	<i>Golden Palm</i>

## **For information and bookings:**

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