



## GLAFKOS KONTEMENIOTIS

GLAFKOS KONTEMENIOTIS was born on the Mediterranean Island of Cyprus in 1969. He started studying classical piano at the age of 9 and came to New York in 1988 to continue his musical studies. He has studied classical piano with PAUL SHEFTEL and Jazz piano with LEE EVANS and HAROLD DANKO. Glafkos received his BA in Music in 1996 and MA in composition in 1998 both from Hunter College. While working on his MA, he studied Jazz piano with MIKE LONGO, a long time collaborator with DIZZY GILLESPIE. Glafkos performs extensively within the Jazz as well as the Greek musical communities. Performances include “GREEK MUSICAL JOURNEY” at Alice Tully Hall and A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO LIONEL HAMPTON at the Schomburg Center in Harlem in November 1999. Two of his compositions are featured in the 2001 release of “WITHIN REACH” a CD featuring his jazz group EARSOULHAND currently known as MONK FOR PRESIDENT. Glafkos has performed several times at the CAPE COD JAZZ FESTIVAL and at the JAZZ STANDARD, BIRDLAND and The 92<sup>nd</sup> St.Y in New York City. He teaches as a Jazz Piano Performance Associate at Hunter College and also teaches privately.