

# Brian McCarthy Quintet – *THIS JUST IN* (2013)

Brian McCarthy – saxophone / Ray Vega – trumpet / Justin Kauflin – piano / Evan Gregor – bass / Ross Pederson – drums

**Brian McCarthy:** An accomplished performer and formidable composer/arranger, this young Selmer Paris endorsed saxophonist is emerging as a prominent example of the modern day instrumentalist and composer. Over the years, Brian has shared the stage with Clark Terry, Paquito D'Rivera, Mulgrew Miller and Joe Locke. His 2013 release, *This Just In*, gained him acclaim from TV, radio and newspaper, culminating in sold-out crowds at FlynnSpace, Burlington's premier jazz club in The Flynn Center for Performing Arts and the SideDoor Jazz Club, Connecticut's favorite new club. As a sideman, McCarthy can also be found performing regularly with Ray Vega's Quintet and Burlington's longtime funk establishment, The Grippo Funk Band.

## About the Band

**Ray Vega (trumpet):** For over 35 years Ray has been an active member of the New York jazz scene. He has toured and recorded with Tito Puente, Ray Barretto, Joe Henderson, Lionel Hampton, and Mel Torme – just to name a few. He is a true veteran of the music scene.

**Evan Gregor (bass):** Evan tours and records with some of the jazz industries top saxophonists including Phil Woods, Dave Liebman and Grace Kelly, and versatile enough to be a member of R&B legend Patti Austin's band.

**Justin Kauflin (piano):** VEER Magazine's 2012 Jazz Artist of the Year, VSA 2012 International Young Soloist Award, and a Thelonious Monk Institute International Jazz Piano Semifinalist. Recently, Justin was on tour with Quincy Jones in 2013. Justin is also featured in the newly released documentary about Clark Terry's life entitled "Keep on Keepin' On."

**Ross Pederson (drums):** Another one of NYC's most sought after musicians, Ross has toured and recorded with many notable musicians like Patti Austin, Kenny Werner, Chris Potter, Jean Michel Pilic and Grace Kelly.



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*"This just in...literally! [McCarthy] touches those roads Joshua Redman travels on with a fresh footing. This band excels at building anticipation, Justin Kauflin on piano is one to watch, exciting."*

- All About Jazz

*"Saxophonist Brian McCarthy takes a progressive approach to straight-ahead jazz, demonstrating a strong command of the jazz saxophone lineage."*

-John Barron, World Jazz Blog

*"McCarthy exhibits an evocative tenderness...a captivating and exciting record..."*

-Hrayr Attarian, AAJ