

## LYRIC FURY BIO

LYRIC FURY - Great name for an eight-piece ensemble of stellar jazz musicians, right? And even better, they really are both lyrical and furious, with a good dose of organic humor. Here's a great description of the music:

*"like a celestial collision of Mingus and Debussy".*

Lyric Fury is releasing their first CD on Blond Coyote Records in 2015. They've captured the raw pulse of live performance. And there's a gorgeous clarity of the interwoven delicacies of harmony and timbre. Lyric Fury as chamber jazz genies inhabits Lyric Fury, monsters of swing.

Cynthia Hilts created Lyric Fury to play her most evolved compositions. The members are international performers - composers and bandleaders themselves - four horns, cello, piano, bass, drums and occasional voice. Together they form that rare and exhilarating musical entity, a true ensemble. They rehearse and perform the music to a fine level of nuance. And when they swing, it's deep.

### LYRIC FURY CORE MEMBERS

Cynthia Hilts – composer, piano, voice    Jack Walrath – trumpet  
Lily White – alto & tenor sax      Lisa Parrott – soprano & baritone sax  
Deborah Weisz – trombone      Marika Hughes – cello  
Ratzo Harris – bass    Scott Neumann – drums

The musicians of Lyric Fury bring several worlds of expertise to the repertoire. Playing credits include working and writing with Mingus, numerous big bands, singer/songwriting, Broadway, and featuring in countless cutting edge and traditional jazz and blues ensembles. Each member approaches the music with her/his individual philosophy and voice, and a great enjoyment of Hilts's compositions.

Over the years, Lyric Fury has included many great musicians. James Zollar, Tomas Ulrich, Claire Daly, Hill Green, Rufus Cappadocia, Stafford Hunter, Ron Vincent, James Stewart, Rob Henke, Patience Higgins, Matt Haviland, and Nioka Workman are among the many talents that have graced the stage with Lyric Fury.