

Scott Feiner short bio

Scott Feiner's musical story is not a common one. Not only is he an American *pandeiro* player, but he also introduced this Brazilian hand drum to the world of jazz in a highly personal way. A native of New York City, Feiner received a Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies/Guitar at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, Connecticut, where he studied jazz history with the legendary saxophonist Jackie McLean. In the early '90s he was a respected guitarist in the New York Jazz scene and recorded two CDs during that period. In 1999, during his first trip to Brazil, Feiner discovered the *pandeiro*, the instrument which would become his passion and new means of musical expression. He moved to Rio de Janeiro in 2001 and after only a few years became a respected *pandeirista*, playing in the traditional settings of Rio. However, it is Feiner's innovative mixture of the *pandeiro* with jazz which has set him apart. His first CD with his Pandeiro Jazz project, *Pandeiro Jazz* (2006, Delira Música) received international praise and his second CD, *Dois Mundos* (2008, Biscoito Fino), was nominated for a 2009 Latin Grammy Award. Feiner performs regularly at festivals and clubs worldwide with various versions of his group, based in New York City and Rio de Janeiro. He is also known for being an ambassador of the *pandeiro*, introducing people to the instrument around the world through his workshops as well as via the site pandeiro.com, which he founded.