

"Nielsen's piano sparkles."

- Dan Mclenahan, allaboutjazz.com

"Justin Nielsen has tons of chops and a great sense of how to accompany."

-George Colligan, the Jazz Truth -

"Justin Nielsen pretty much burns the house down."

- John Mcneil -

Justin Nielsen is a performer, composer, recording artist, and teacher residing in Boise, Idaho. Though he has lived his life in the mountain west, he has had a dynamic career that has made it possible for him to play and teach all over the world with some of the greatest names in jazz. He is featured on scores of recordings and is currently featured on 6 albums with release dates set for 2015 - 2016.

Though Justin loves performing, he is equally passionate about teaching and inspiring young people to play and to love music. He was a founder of ArtsWest/Fresco Arts Academy, a private school for young performing artists in Eagle, ID, where he worked and taught for 7 years. His students have literally won hundreds of national honors, including recognition from Downbeat magazine, the national Grammy organization, and the Monterey Next Generation competition. His students have also garnered over \$5 Million in scholarship offers to the finest music schools in the country including Calarts, Manhattan School of Music, Berklee College of Music, USC, and many many others.

Justin has just released his first album as a leader, Divine Colors.