



## **George Lernis / Ize Trio**

Ize Trio is a multi-cultural music group featuring Chase Morrin (Piano), George Lernis (Percussion), and Naseem Alatrash (Cello). We focus on combining the American art form of Jazz with Middle Eastern traditions in order to create a more inclusive vision for musical communities and to raise awareness for immigrant rights. Through our different backgrounds and cultural traditions, we write original music and tell musical stories that are important in opening positive dialogue about the relationship between the US and the Middle East. We seek to inspire musicians to add their cultural roots to the Jazz tradition and display how music can be a bridge to understanding and connection.