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JEAN JOHN & THE PORT OF LIFE

An album release concert of a though provoking, exhilarating sonic spectacle and an ASCAP Johnny Mandel Prize 2017 award winning work.

Brooklyn, NY, May 22, 2017 - a Slovenian drummer and a multiple award-winning composer Jean John presents his latest work for an eleven-piece ensemble - The Port of Life - a self-reflective journey of an immigrant on a path of acculturation.

A debut NYC performance of the project will take place on Friday, June 16th 2017, 7pm at the leading Brooklyn venue for contemporary music, the National Sawdust.

"The Port of Life" is an award winning retrospective compositional work (ASCAP 2017 Johnny Mandel Prize) and a debut album (released by ZKP RTV Ljubljana) by a Slovenian drummer and composer Jean John (Žan Tetičkovič). It is a unique audio-visual experience inspired by a personal story of immigration and acculturation and a 80 minute long suite divided into eight movements/psychological stages in which the listener transforms into a soul of an immigrant, who is on a journey of emotional flux trying to find, and establish the existence in a new culture.

A night to remember and a one-time-only musical spectacle combining music from jazz and classical worlds will be dedicated to recent unfair treatments of immigrants from all over the world and will be invigorated by leading young names in the world of jazz, classical and contemporary music: Alina Engibaryan, Jonathan Finlayson, Jan Kus, Marko Churnchetz, Myles Sloniker and the Solar string quartet featuring Tomoko Omura, Adriana Mateo, Allyson Clare and Brian Sanders.

Tickets can be purchased in advance either online (www.nationalsawdust.org) or by calling box office (646) 779 - 845 and on the day of the performance. Early bird,

student (with valid ID) and group (four or more) discounts are available, as well as backstage and media passes for press.

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**JUNE 16TH,
2017 - 7 p m**

About National Sawdust:

National Sawdust (NS), an unparalleled, artist-led, non-profit venue, is a place for exploration and discovery. A place where emerging and established artists can share their music with serious music fans and casual listeners alike

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