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## Michael Pedicin is *Live @ The Loft* With His New CD

Associate Professor of Music and tenor saxophonist [Michael Pedicin](#) fulfilled a longtime dream last fall by releasing an album of all ballads, a challenging form of which he is a master purveyor. In the process Pedicin, whose 40-plus-year career has included tours with Dave Brubeck and Maynard Ferguson, experienced a new ease with the recording process and quickly made plans for his next CD. The result, *Live @ the Loft*, is a bracing club date with his working group that his Jazz Hut label will release July 31.

"I'm more comfortable now playing the saxophone, sounding the way I want, than I ever have in my life," Pedicin says. A tenor man's tenor man, he is devoted to what he described as the "raw, inside-your-body sound" of the classic players of the instrument.

The titular *Loft* refers to the space at the [Sandi Pointe Bistro](#) in Somers

Pointe that Pedicin discovered when he used it to warm up for a previous performance at the venue. He liked the feel and sound of the room so much, he helped convert it to a nightclub and has since frequently performed there.

"I feel better playing live than in the studio," he says. "In the studio, there's so much room for anxiety and critical self-judgment. With a live audience, you just play. You're in your element and in the moment."

In support of *Live at the Loft*, Pedicin will be making his first West Coast appearances as a leader at Yoshi's San Francisco 8/21, and at Vitello's, Studio City, 8/23. East Coast dates include 9/14 at Sandi Pointe in Somers Point, NJ, where *Live at the Loft* was recorded, and 9/15 at Chris' Jazz Café in Philadelphia.



