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MARCO BITTELLI JOINS PACIFIC COAST JAZZ
First Solo release *LIBERA* slated for November 3, 2009

San Diego, CA - August 25, 2009 - San Diego-based independent record label, Pacific Coast Jazz (PCJ), announces the signing of Italian jazz composer and guitarist, Marco Bittelli. The agreement anticipates the release of his debut CD, "*Libera*," slated for a street date of Nov. 3, 2009. "The addition of Marco Bittelli gives an international flair to our artist roster, melding the cultural traditions of Latin, Mediterranean and American jazz," says Donna Nichols, founder and president of Pacific Coast Jazz. "These original tunes showcase a stirring new writing voice and emerging European guitar talent." Nichols' label will provide nationwide publicity efforts and access to radio in addition to retail and digital distribution.

Bittelli's innovative album, *Libera*, is a collection of nine original jazz tunes written over the course of a 10-year period and recorded in 2007. "The songs on this CD are lyrical melodies, ballads and jazz tunes laid over grooving rhythms with American and Mediterranean roots," Bittelli said. "I was influenced by Italian folk tradition, where songs are often written beginning to end without repeating parts."

While Bittelli's compositions are unique, his guitar work is also imaginative, especially when combined with jazz saxophonist Horace Alexander Young, the featured special guest on this album and who jointly composed "Something to Remember." Instrumentation also includes Charles Argersinger (piano), David Snider (bass), David Jarvis (drums) and Ruth Boden (cello). The result is a collection of innovative, original jazz compositions inspired both by the Mediterranean and Latin rhythms Bittelli was raised on and the dynamic American jazz scene he has embraced.

Pacific Coast Jazz, founded in 2003, is a boutique jazz label that also offers music management services and international distribution through their partner MVD Audio/Big Daddy Music. For information on Pacific Coast Jazz visit: www.pacificcoastjazz.com. For more information and interviews with Marco Bittelli, visit www.marcobittelli.com or contact Donna Nichols at donna@pacificcoastjazz.com or 858-484-8609.

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