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*Arts for Art, Inc. Presents*  
**VISION  
FESTIVAL XII**

**The Revolution Continues  
Leroy Jenkins (March 11, 1932 February 24, 2007)  
Friday, June 22 / Memorial Tribute**

What: **50 Violins for Leroy Jenkins** -led by Billy Bang / **Spindrift for Leroy Jenkins**

Times: 7:00 pm / 11:15 pm

Place: Angel Orensanz Foundation

*172 Norfolk Street, New York, NY*

Tickets: \$30 per night in advance / \$35 day of show / \$150 for 6 night pass

on sale April 5 at <http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com> or 800.838.3006

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*“He leaves behind a legacy of redefining the violin’s role in jazz.”* Scott Verrastro, Jazz Times

*“One of the most distinctive and compelling of modern jazz violinists.”*-Robert Palmer, New York Times

*“One of the pre-eminent musicians of 1970s free jazz.”*-Ben Ratliff, New York Times

Arts for Art and the vision Festival could not let the passing of Leroy Jenkins’ go unrecognized. Billy Bang – with logistical support from Jason Kao Hwang will direct 50 String players in a work by Leroy Jenkins. Arts for Art considers Leroy an example of all that the vision stands for – an untiring, joyful commitment to all that is creative.

In tribute to Leroy we will present 50 Strings for Leroy Jenkins – 7 pm

A group comprised of fifty strings will pay tribute to the late Leroy Jenkins, performing a fifteen minute piece composed by Jenkins. The sheer enormity of the group illustrates the reach of Jenkins' influence, both as a virtuoso improviser and as a renowned composer. String players of all stripes and colors having taken cues from his work, from new music to free jazz to traditional chamber players to swing fiddlers, all of whom will be represented in full force for this brief tribute to Jenkins. The group is directed by his old friend and colleague Billy Bang with support from Jason Kao Hwang. See below for a full listing of the string players who are participating in this tribute.

**Spindrift for Leroy Jenkins** Myra Melford (piano and melodica), Mark Taylor (french horn), Brandon Ross (guitar) and Shuni Tsou (di-zi).– **11:15pm**

Myra Melford's was a member of most of Leroy Jenkins bands and performed with him at the Vision Festival. Her association with Leroy Jenkins dates back to the 90’s, when she co-founded the collective group Equal Interest with Jenkins and Joseph Jarman (the group performed at the Ninth Vision Festival in 2004). Myra Melford received a Fulbright Scholarship to study North Indian music on the harmonium with Sohanlal Sharma in Calcutta.