Kennesaw State University
School of Music

Junior Recital

Stacey L. Novik, trumpet
Michael Opitz, saxophone
Patrick Arthur, guitar
Brian Reid, piano
Brandon Boone, bass
Jonathan Pace, drums

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.
Music Building Recital Hall
One Hundred and Fourteenth Concert of the 2015-16 Concert Season
CLARENCE WILLIAMS (1893-1965),
SPENCER WILLIAMS (1889-1965)
Royal Garden Blues

RALPH RAINGER (1901-1942)
If I Should Lose You
A Chet Baker Solo Transcription

HARRY WARREN (1893-1981)
There Will Never Be Another You

WAYNE SHORTER (1933)
Masqualero

JOHN COLTRANE (1926-1967)
Moment’s Notice

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the degree Bachelor of Music in Performance.
Ms. Novik studies trumpet with Lester Walker.
Royal Garden Blues (1919) | Clarence Williams and Spencer Williams

Clarence Williams was an African-American jazz pianist and composer born in 1893. Spencer Williams was an African-American jazz and popular music composer, pianist and singer born in 1889 (no relation). The two composed “Royal Garden Blues” in 1919, which then was popularized by the Original Dixieland Jazz Band. After numerous recordings by various artists, this tune has become a jazz standard. The song is characterized as an F blues and Bb blues and is considered one of the first popular songs based on a riff.

If I Should Lose You (1935) | Ralph Rainger

A Chet Baker Solo Transcription

Academy Award winner Ralph Rainger, born in 1901, was an American composer of popular music who primarily wrote for films. He began a legal career before fleeing to Broadway and became Clifton Webb’s accompanist. His long career gave birth to a medium swing song entitled, “If I Should Lose You”. Written in 1935, the song was premiered in the 1936 film Rose of the Rancho.

This evening’s performance of the standard will be a transcription of Chet Baker’s accompanied solo from the album Diane (1985). This transcription is very uncharacteristic of the original composition due to the free ballad-like speed. Chet Baker (1929-1988) was an American jazz trumpeter, flugelhornist and vocalist. His earliest notable gigs were with Vito Musso’s band, Stan Getz, and Charlie Parker. His early career was during the cool jazz era and he earned the rightful nickname, “Prince of Cool.”

There Will Never Be Another You (1942) | Harry Warren

Three-time Oscar winner, Harry Warren, was born in 1893 and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. With an interest in music and no money for lessons, Warren taught himself to play the accordion, drums and piano. This affinity to music and being self taught on a variety of instruments helped him to become a composer and lyricist. Warren was the first American songwriter to write primarily for film and was nominated eleven times for the Academy Award for Best Song. He wrote over 800 songs between 1918 and 1981 - from those, he published over 500 of them. The songs appeared in more than 300 films and 112 of the Warner Bros. Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies cartoons. In the
world of radio, 42 of his songs were on the top 10 list at one point or another and of those, 21 were Number 1 Hits. He even held the job of director of ASCAP from 1929-1932. The song and now jazz standard, “There Will Never Be Another You,” premiered in 1942 for the musical romance film: Iceland. This song was considered to be amongst some of his biggest hits and is still performed widely today.

**Masqualero (1967) | Wayne Shorter**

Born in 1933, Wayne Shorter is an American jazz saxophonist and composer who has had many of his compositions become jazz standards. The ten-time Grammy Award winner has been described as “probably jazz’s greatest living small-group composer and a contender for the greatest living improviser” by the *New York Times*. Shorter was a member and eventually primary composer for Art Blakey’s Jazz Messengers.

Wayne Shorter’s tune “Masqualero” is closely associated with Miles Davis. It first premiered on Davis’s *Sorcerer* album in 1967 as recorded by the Second Great Quintet. After being a member of Miles Davis’ Second Great Quintet, he went on to co-found the jazz fusion band Weather Report and has recorded over 20 albums as a bandleader. Shorter received a Lifetime Achievement award from the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz as well as the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for his “prolific contributions to our culture and history.”

**Moment’s Notice (1957) | John Coltrane**

Pulitzer Prize winner, John Coltrane, was born in 1926 and was an American jazz saxophonist and composer. He worked primarily with the bebop and hard bop idioms in his early career and helped pioneer the use of modes in jazz. Later in Coltrane’s career, his free jazz idiom took on his embrace to the immense spirituality dimension. Coltrane has influenced an endless amount of musicians which still continues to this day and is still seen as one of the most significant saxophonists in music history.

The classic jazz standard “Moment’s Notice,” composed by Coltrane, was first premiered on his album *Blue Train* in 1957. The unusual and quick-moving harmonics put this song amongst some of the most difficult standards in jazz history. The use of tertian chord relations made this tune the model for learning more strenuous chord changes.
Stacey L. Novik is a freelance trumpet player and teacher in the Metro Atlanta area. She has been playing for thirteen years, mostly for interest and leisure. After a few years of soul searching and encouragement, she found her passion in jazz trumpet performance. During the school year, she teaches private lessons as well as master classes in the public school system.

A few notable venues where she has performed are The Hard Rock Cafe Velvet Underground, The Frederick Brown Jr. Amphitheatre, and Herald Square in NYC. Stacey has done numerous recordings ranging from Adult Swim, Ryan Snow and the Bandits, and Kyle Miranda and The Times, just to name a few. Her private instructor is Lester Walker.
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