Jazz Combos and Jazz Guitar Ensemble

Trey Wright, director

MORGAN HALL COMBO

Delfeayo’s Dilemma / Wynton Marsalis
If I Should Lose You / R. Rainger / L. Robin
Bert’s Playground / Ari Hoenig

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Landmarks / Brian Blade
He Died Fighting / Blade
Perceptual / Blade

JAZZ GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Four On Six / Wes Montgomery / arr. Trey Wright
Waltz for Bill / Fred Hamilton
Man That’s Neat / Chris Buzzelli
Coffee at 4 A.M. / Christian Artieda
The Preacher / Horace Silver / arr. Trey Wright
MORGAN HALL COMBO
Devin Okey, alto saxophone
Michael DeSousa, trombone
Brian Reid, piano
Francisco Lora, bass
Jonathan Pace, drums

109 COMBO
Michael Opitz, tenor saxophone
Brandon Radaker, alto saxophone
Patrick Arthur, guitar
Brandon Boone, bass
Janna Graham, drums

JAZZ GUITAR ENSEMBLE
Patrick Arthur, guitar
Christian Artieda, guitar
Caleb Tokarska, guitar
Wes Trull, guitar
Simon Needle, guitar
Jonathan Flores, guitar
Brandon Boone, bass
Jonathan Pace, drums

biography

Trey Wright is a jazz guitarist, composer and recording artist based in Roswell, Georgia. Initially inspired by the blues, Trey was exposed to jazz early in his development by a private instructor. While studying sociology at the University of Georgia, Wright furthered his study of jazz improvisation with pianist and composer Steve Dancz. In 1994, he co-founded the Athens/Atlanta based jazz band, Squat. The group is a six-time winner of Best Jazz Band at the Flagpole Athens Music Awards and has been a featured artist at the Atlanta Jazz Festival, Bel Chere, the Twilight Athens Jazz
Festival, the Cherry Blossom Festival, Harvest Midtown and Athfest. Several of Trey’s compositions with the group have received international airplay and have been featured on Sirius radio and NPR’s *All Things Considered*.

Trey also performs freelance in the Athens and Atlanta area and has performed with Yellowjackets’ bassist Jimmy Haslip, John Patitucci, Joe Lovano, Corey Christiansen, and Darmon Meader of the New York Voices. Trey has performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival, Jazz A Vienne and the World Sacred Music Festival in Bangalore, India. As a solo guitarist and with his trio, Trey has been a featured performer at the Athens Music and Arts Festival, the Lake Oconee Jazz Festival, and the Atlanta Jazz Festival. In early 2008, Trey began playing with the Georgia Symphony Jazz Orchestra.

In December of 2002, Trey completed a Master of Music degree in Jazz Studies at Georgia State University, and he currently teaches Applied Jazz Guitar, Jazz Theory and Composition, Jazz Guitar Ensemble, Jazz History, Jazz Improvisation, and The History of Rock at Kennesaw State University. Trey has also taught at LaGrange College, Gainesville College, the Atlanta Institute of Music, and was a Jazz Artist in Residence at the University of Georgia. In addition, Trey writes a column on Jazz Harmony for the Guitar for the quarterly print magazine, *Just Jazz Guitar*.

In 2006, Trey released his first CD, *Where I’m Calling From*, receiving rave reviews and airplay throughout the United States, New Zealand, England, Australia, Germany, Italy, Canada, Luxembourg, Scotland and the Netherlands. The Trey Wright Trio released *Thinking Out Loud* in the summer of 2009 on Blue Canoe Records. In 2010, the CD was included in the first round Grammy Nominations for Best Jazz Instrumental Album. In the Fall of 2012, the Trey Wright Trio’s version of Thom Yorke’s, "Analyze," was included on the compilation *Head Radio Retransmissions: A Tribute to Radiohead* on the German label ESC records. Trey’s long awaited collaboration with Grammy winning saxophonist Mace Hibbard, *The Hibbard/Wright Project*, was released to rave reviews in May 2013, and Trey will release a new CD titled, *Songs from Oak Avenue*, on Blue Canoe Records in February 2015.
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