



Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall
Thirty-fifth Concert of the 2015-16 Concert Season

Kennesaw State University Jazz Combos

"Fall Concert"

Marc Miller, director

Justin Chesarek, director

THE STANDARD COMBO

BRONISLAW KAPER (1902-1983)

On Green Dolphin Street

JEROME KERN (1885-1945)

All The Things You Are

JOHN COLTRANE (1926-1967)

Impressions

THE SOMEDAY COMBO

JIMMY VAN HEUSEN (1913-1990)

I Thought About You

MILES DAVIS (1926-1991),
FRANK CHURCHILL (1901-1942)
Teo / Someday My Prince Will Come

MILES DAVIS (1926-1991)
Pfancing

THE SUNRISE LULLABY COMBO

GEORGE DAVID WEISS (1921-2010),
GEORGE SHEARING (1919-2011)
Lullaby of Birdland

SAM RIVERS (1923-2011)
Beatrice

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II (1895-1960),
SIGMUND ROMBERG (1887-1951)
Softly, As In A Morning Sunrise

THE BAGS / WES COMBO

MILT JACKSON (1923-1999)
arr. Jonathan Morningstar
Sam Sack

MATTY MALNECK (1903-1981),
FRANK SIGNORELLI (1901-1975)
arr. Josh Inglis
Stairway to the Stars

WES MONTGOMERY (1923-1968)
arr. Janna Graham
Jingles

personnel

THE STANDARD COMBO

Stacey L. Novik, trumpet
Muhsin Quraishi, saxophone
Robert L. Herrington II, guitar
Caleb Tokarska, bass
Tyler Neal, drums

THE SOMEDAY COMBO

Damontae Scott, saxophone
Simon Needle, guitar
Brandon Radaker, bass
Dennis Durrett-Smith, drums

THE SUNRISE LULLABY COMBO

Emily Crisp, voice
Andrew Ereddia, saxophone
Brandon Austin, trumpet
Justin Cerasiello, guitar
Zach Wilson, piano
Damontae Scott, bass
Brooks Payne, drums

THE BAGS / WES COMBO

Josh Inglis, saxophone
Janna Graham, vibraphone
Wes Trull, guitar
Francisco Lora, bass
Jonathan Morningstar, drums

biographies

Artist-in-Residence in Jazz Bass and Jazz Combos

Marc Miller joined Kennesaw State University in 2010. Starting on tuba in elementary school, he picked up electric bass in middle school and double bass in college.

Studying under Melanie Punter and Bill Peterson, Marc completed his Bachelor's degree at Florida State University in Jazz Studies. He then went on to study under John Fremgen and David Neubert at the University of Texas at Austin, completing his Master's degree in Performance in 2002.

Comfortable in any musical style, Marc has performed and recorded with many jazz artists, rock groups, tango, hip-hop, flamenco, salsa and folk ensembles. While in Austin, he was a member of pioneering jazz group, Blaze, winner of the Austin Music Awards Best Jazz Group for several years running. He has performed regularly with Bob Reynolds, Jason Marsalis and Lizz Wright. He has also shared the stage with Tim Hagans, Bob Brookmeyer, Wynton Marsalis, Marcus Printup and Mike Stern.

Prior to teaching at Kennesaw State University, Marc taught at Jacksonville State University and LaGrange College. In addition to his bass studios at

these universities, he led big bands and combos and taught academic courses including music appreciation and music theory.

Marc can be heard performing around town in a variety of ensembles, encompassing many genres of music. He is a regular member of the Trey Wright Trio and the Mace Hibbard Group, appearing on their most recent albums, as well as many other local jazz ensembles. Additionally, he performs with salsa groups Orquesta Macuba and Vecinos Del Mundo, pit orchestras at the Fox, The Atlanta Pops Orchestra, and many other local artists.

Artist-in-Residence in Jazz Percussion

Justin Chesarek is all about swing. It's what drives him, it's what makes him strike drum heads with well-composed intensity, and it's why some of the best jazz musicians in Atlanta keep him on call. Since arriving in Atlanta in August, 2008, Justin Chesarek, a transplant from rural Pennsylvania, has made quite a name for himself.

He isn't your average session drummer. While regularly playing gigs with Gary Motley, Laura Coyle and Gordon Vernick, Justin also flexes his composing muscles with his group, The Tree-O of Love, who maintain a regular Wednesday night gig at Churchill Grounds, Atlanta's premier jazz club. Pulling diverse influences from jazz, classical, rock, world music, Justin writes and plays music with emotion, putting his artistry and talent in every note and beat he comes across. The end product is jazz — the virtuosity of Bebop, the soul and funkiness of the early days of Fusion, and a retro-modern mindset oozing with musicality and a beat that gets the inner ear thumpin'.

“Composing as a drummer allows me to supply more of a concept of drums in melody. It gives me the opportunity to inject different rhythms and colors,” Justin said. Consorting with members of jazz royalty including Houston Person, Jerry Bergonzi and Johnny O'Neal, just to name a few, Justin is regularly asked to perform with some of the biggest names around. A graduate of Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, Justin holds a Bachelors of Music in Education.

Under the direction of Dr. Stephen Hawk, Justin completed a two-week European tour, making appearances at the Montreaux Jazz Festival and the North Sea Jazz Festival. Justin finished his Masters of Music in Jazz Studies in May, 2010, at Georgia State University and currently teaches at Emory University and Kennesaw State University.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen W. Plate". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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