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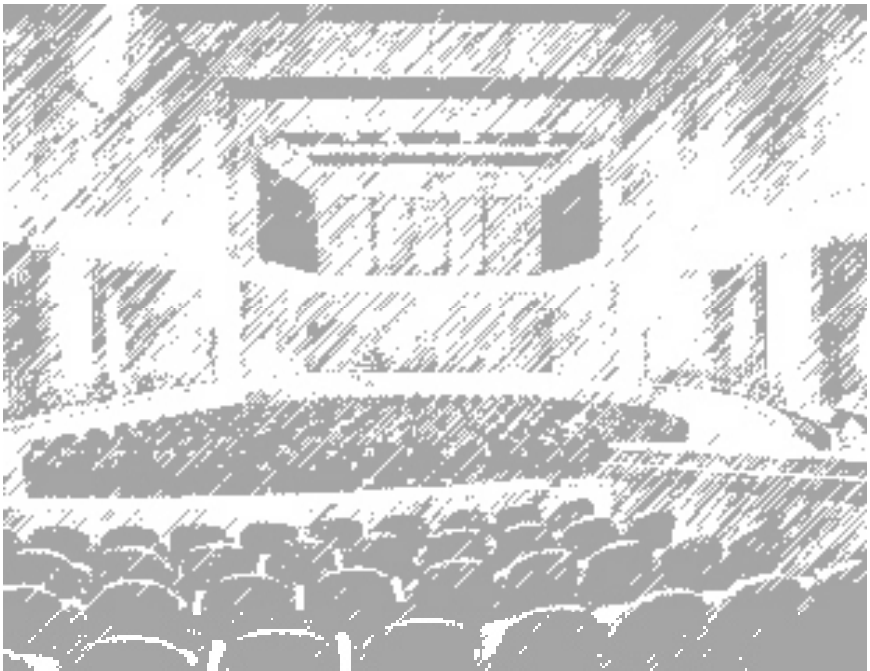
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Fall Concert

Jazz Combos and Jazz Guitar Ensemble

Justin Chesarek, director

Trey Wright, director



Tuesday, November 5, 2013

8:00 p.m

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall

Thirty-first Concert of the 2013-14 Concert Season

Program

Brooker Combo
Justin Chesarek, director

ERIC ALEXANDER (b. 1968)

Blues for All

All for One

STEVE DAVIS (b. 1967)

Optimism

Wilson Combo
Justin Chesarek, director

WAYNE SHORTER (b. 1933)

Backstage Sally

Witch Hunt

Footprints

Jazz Guitar Ensemble
Trey Wright, director

BROOKS BOWMAN (1913-1937)

East of the Sun

arr. by Ben Weatherford

LESTER YOUNG (1909-1959)

Lester Leaps In

arr. by Dave Frackenpohl

J. VAN HUESEN (1913-1990)

But Beautiful

arr. by Dave Frackenpohl

JACK PETERSON (b. 1933)

Groovey

CHICK COREA (b. 1941)

Armando's Rumba

arr. by Trey Wright

Program Notes

The Brooker Combo is playing original compositions by the jazz ensemble, One For All. The cooperative sextet One For All was formed in 1996 in NYC at the legendary jazz club Augie's (now Smoke). Collectively, the band forged a powerful, yet sleek sound which has become synonymous with hard-swinging, straight-ahead modern jazz.

The Wilson Combo is playing all compositions by jazz master Wayne Shorter in honor of his 80th birthday this year. Wayne Shorter's continually expanding body of work is inextricably linked to the history of modern music. His music transcends genre while keeping the improvisational genius and surprise of jazz burning at the center. Regarded as one of the most significant and prolific performers and composers in jazz and modern music, Wayne Shorter has an outstanding record of professional achievement in his historic career as a musician. He has received substantial recognition from his peers, including 6 Grammy Awards and 13 other Grammy nominations to date. He has been awarded Honorary Doctorates from New York University, the New England Conservatory and the Berklee College of Music. In 1997, the National Endowment for the Arts presented Shorter with the prestigious Jazz Master Award. Shorter's childlike imagination and ceaseless innovation in music invite comparison to the enduring vitality of Picasso in the world of art or of Bergman in film. Today, Shorter continues to dazzle audiences with his Quartet and his Symphony project, creating some of the most powerful music of his career.

Personnel

Brooker Combo

Katie Riess, trombone
Alexandra Van Slyke, alto saxophone
Nathan Hollis, tenor saxophone
Brandon Austin, trumpet
Joel Cruickshank, piano
Jared Leach, guitar
Matt Richards, bass
Bennett Zander, bass
Jordan Tillery, drums

Jazz Guitar Ensemble

Anthony Mancini, guitar
Jared Leach, guitar
Patrick Arthur, guitar
Nicholas Franz, guitar
Christian Artieda, guitar
Andrew LaStrapes, bass
Robert Boone, drums

Wilson Combo

Brandon Radaker, alto saxophone
Michael Opitz, tenor saxophone
Patrick Arthur, guitar
Brandon Boone, bass
Cameron Austin, drums

Biographies

Artist-in-Residence 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 frequently playing gigs with Gary Motley, Gordon Vernick, and some of the city's finest big bands, 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 program in May, 2010 at Georgia State University and currently teaches at Emory University and Kennesaw State University. He is on the board of directors for the Atlanta Lovers of Music Association.

Justin Endorses Vic Firth drum sticks, brushes, and mallets.

Lecturer in Jazz Guitar and Jazz Studies

Trey Wright is a jazz guitarist, composer, and recording artist based in Roswell, Ga. Initially inspired by the blues, Wright 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.

Wright also plays 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. Wright 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 Cobb Symphony Jazz Orchestra.

In December of 2002, Wright completed a Master of Music degree in Jazz Studies at Georgia State University, and he currently is on faculty at Kennesaw State University and the Atlanta Institute of Music. Wright has also taught at LaGrange College, Gainesville College and was a Jazz Artist in Residence at the University of Georgia. In 2006, Wright 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 pool of CDs considered for a Grammy Nomination for Best Jazz Instrumental Album. Wright will begin writing a column on jazz harmony for *Just Jazz Guitar* magazine starting in winter of 2011.

Visit his website: www.treywright.com

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Wednesday, November 6
Gospel Choir

Thursday, November 7
Classical Guitar Ensemble

Saturday, November 9
Trumpet Ensemble and Trombone Choir

Monday, November 11
Jazz Combos

Tuesday, November 12
Wind Ensemble

Thursday, November 14
Civil War Piano Performance

Friday, November 15 and
Saturday, November 16
Opera: *The Magic Flute*

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