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Jazz Ensembles II & III **Rob Opitz, Conductor** **Wes Funderburk, Conductor**



Thursday, October 31, 2019 | 8:00 PM

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall

KSU Jazz Ensemble III
Rob Opitz, Conductor
Jazz Traditions

Program

SUNNY RAY

SANTOS / ARR. DAVIS

BLUE SKIES

BERLIN / ARR. EVANS

LULLABY OF BIRDLAND

SHEARING / ARR. KENTON

WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN

FISCHER / ARR. KENTON

DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANYMORE

ELLINGTON / ARR. DAVIS

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

COLEMAN / ARR. DAVIS

–BRIEF INTERMISSION–

Personnel

Vocals

Piper Johnson

Saxophone

Bailey Carter
Kevin Douglas
Tom Smith

Brass

Patrick Reyman
Trombone
Alex McCarthy
Trumpet
Candice Simmons
Trumpet
Michael Brown
Trumpet

Rhythm

Diego Fonsesca
Guitar
Louis Reyes
Guitar
Jimmy Durkin
Bass
Piper Johnson
Bass
Carlos Diaz
Drums

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KSU Jazz Ensemble II

Wes Funderburk, Conductor

Program

TAKE THE A TRAIN

STRAYHORN / WOLPE

PASSING THROUGH

GARNER / WOLPE

TRUTH BE KNOWN

FUNDERBURK

BLACK COFFEE

BURKE / WEBSTER

ALL THE THINGS YOU ARE

KERN / MYAGKOV

CYCLOPS

ADDERLY / FUNDERBURK

Personnel

Reeds

Brandon Printup

Alto 1

Anthony Barasouain

Alto 2

Noah Pirkle

Tenor 1

Michael Siler

Tenor 2

Marco Hernandez

Baritone

Trombones

Austin Coker

Samuel Missner

Wes McDonald

Blue Goodman

(Bass Trombone)

Trumpets

Eli Rickles

Cierra Weldin

Kameron Clarke

Jalen Dobson

Rhythm

Alex Deen

Piano

Max Toomey

Drums

Asuria Austin

Bass

Brad Cannata

Bass

Rodrigo Suarez

Guitar

Vocals

Sadie Llop

Auriyan Tillman

Biographies

Rob Opitz



Rob Opitz holds the title of Artist- in-Residence in Jazz Trumpet at Kennesaw State University. Originally from Illinois, Mr. Opitz's career has ranged from elementary music, to middle school, high school, and now at the collegiate level. Mr. Opitz has been the Director of Bands at Marietta High School, Creekview High School, Barber Middle School, and Reinhardt University.

Rob is a very active performer. Recently, Rob completed a 4 week tour with international superstar Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds. The tour featured multiple US Cities, Austin City Limits, and the Jimmy Kimmel show. Rob is the founder and director of his

own group, the Atlanta Latin Jazz Orchestra – an 18 piece big band featuring the music of some of the greats in Latin Jazz.

He has also appeared as a sideman with Tito Puente, Louis Bellson, Marian McPartland, Rufus Reid, Hal Crook, Marshal Royal, Jon Faddis, Diane Schuur, Paquito D'Rivera, Cladio Roditi, Bob Mintzer, and many more. Rob has performed in local groups in the metro Atlanta Area, including Orquesta MaCuba, the Georgia Symphony Orchestra Jazz Ensemble, Yacht Rock Revue, Bumpin' the Mango, Bogey and the Viceroy, the Joe Gransden Big Band, Macon Pops Orchestra, and numerous others.

Rob has been married to a terrific woman and Pre-K teacher, Stacie, for over 20 years and has two wonderful sons, Michael and Zach – both of whom are musicians.

KSU Jazz Ensemble III

The Kennesaw State University Jazz Ensemble III is in its second year of existence. Under the direction of Rob Opitz, this ensemble features both music majors, and non-majors working together to understand jazz style, performance, and literature. This group strives to take students from all different backgrounds and create a cohesive sound that audiences and performers alike can enjoy.

Wes Funderburk



Wes Funderburk has performed across the United States and Europe and is currently one of the most sought after trombonists and arrangers in the Southeast. He has written, performed and recorded with a wide array of national and internationally-renowned artists including: Arrested Development, John Driskell Hopkins, Jennifer Holliday, Natalie Cole, Jermaine Dupri, Cee Lo, the Boston Brass, Dallas Austin, Joe Gransden, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Atlanta

Pops Orchestra, the Macon Pops Orchestra as well as the Cartoon Network and the Weather Channel.

Wes' arranging credits include music for the Joe Gransden Big Band, Russell Gunn's Krunk Jazz Orchestra, Jennifer Holliday, John Driskell Hopkins, the Atlanta Pops, Natalie Cole, the Georgia Brass Band, Kennesaw State University Jazz Ensemble, Georgia State University Jazz Ensemble and the Piedmont Trombone Society.

Wes earned his Bachelor's Degree in trombone performance from the University of North Florida and his Masters' Degree in trombone performance with a concentration in jazz studies from Georgia State University. He is a former governor for the Atlanta chapter of the Recording Academy and is a performing artist for Rath trombones.

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Jazz

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Summit Piano Trio

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Upcoming Events

Jazz Combos

Monday, 11/4/2019 at 5:30 pm and 8 pm in Scott Hall

Choral Ensembles

Tuesday, 11/5/2019 at 8 pm

Philharmonic

Wednesday, 11/13/2019 at 8 pm

Wind Ensemble

Thursday, 11/14/2019 at 8 pm

Opera Theatre Scenes

Saturday, 11/16/2019 at 8 pm in Scott Hall

arts **KSU presents: Anat Cohen Tentet,
Musical Director Oded Lev-Ari**
Saturday, 11/9/2019 at 8 pm

Ever charismatic, prolific, and inspired, GRAMMY-nominated clarinetist-saxophonist Anat Cohen has won hearts and minds the world over with her expressive virtuosity and delightful stage presence. Anat has been declared Clarinetist of the Year by the Jazz Journalists Association every year since 2007 and has also been named the Top Clarinetist, Rising Star, and Jazz Artist of the Year by Downbeat Magazine. The tentet (rhythm section, horns, vibraphone, cello, and accordion) performs tunes from their recent album *Happy Song* which draws influence from Brazilian music and African grooves to vintage swing and touching ballads.

Trumpet Festival of the Southeast

January 31 - February 2, 2020

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Our two featured trumpet artists this year are Jose Sibaja, Paul Merkelo, Brian Shaw, Melvin Jones. Our evening concert artists include the KSU Faculty Jazz Parliament, Georgia Brass Band, and KSU Wind Ensemble.



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