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# Jazz Ensembles

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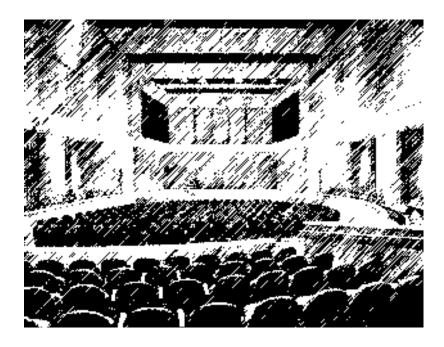
Jazz Ensemble I Sam Skelton, director

Jazz Ensemble II Wes Funderburk, director

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

8:00 p.m.

Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center One Hundred Seventeenth Concert of the 2012-2013 Season



# Welcome to the Kennesaw State University School of Music

The School of Music at KSU has dedicated, vibrant, and talented faculty and staff that are completely devoted to teaching, performing, scholarship, and serving our community. It is an incredibly exciting place to study, boasting state-of-the-art facilities with opportunities to produce and explore music in a dynamic place that is ahead of the curve for what it means to be a musician in the 21st century. Our students come from the leading musical honor organizations across the region and are poised to lead the cultural offerings and musical education in our area and beyond for years to come.

We welcome you to attend a concert, meet our faculty and staff, and feel the energy and excitement that our students exude. We are fully committed to our purpose as educators, performers, and scholars. We hope that you will find as much enjoyment in our product as we do in producing it. Welcome!

For more information about the School of Music, please visit www.kennesaw.edu/music

# Kennesaw State University School of Music Audrey B. and Jack E. Morgan, Sr. Concert Hall April 24, 2013

Jazz Ensemble I
"A Senior Moment"

Gospel John Steinberg/Kulkarni

Justin Rowan: trumpet

Brush Taps Bellson/Taylor

Robert Boone, drums

A Child Is Born Thad Jones

Benjamin Miles, flugelhorn

Secret Love Fain/Cortner

Jackson Harpe, trumpet

Nature Boy Ahbez/Norman

David Lennertz, trombone

Goodbye Mr. Evans Phil Woods

Zachary Evans, alto saxophone

**Channeling** Bergonzi/Dobbins

Umcolisi Terrell, tenor saxophone

# Jazz Ensemble II

Fascinating Rhythm Gershwin/arr. Nestico

Call Me Irresponsible Van Huesen/Cahn/arr. Funderburk

Megan Gibson, vocals

Goodbye Pork Pie Hat Mingus/arr. Bley

Moanin' Mingus/arr. Johnson

**Dingus** Funderburk

# Jazz Ensemble I

# Reeds

Zac Evans Christopher Otts Umcolisi Terrell Jason Kaplan Christopher Malloy

# **Trumpets**

Justin Rowan Jackson Harpe Eric Donaldson Ben Miles

# Jazz Ensemble II

#### Saxes

Kwame Paige, alto sax Joel Cruickshank, alto sax Jack Walker, tenor sax Brittany Jarrard, tenor sax Devin Okey, baritone sax

#### **Trombones**

Mike DeSousa Chad Moore Nick Dixon Michael Lockewood Joeseph Poole

#### **Trombones**

David Lennertz Katie Reiss Mitchell Frey Tim Setteneri

# Rhythm

Brian Reid, piano Andrew Lastrapes, guitar Anthony Mancini, guitar Jordan Thomas, bass Robert Boone, drums

# **Trumpets**

Brandon Austin Bob Wright Collin Seisel John Thomas Burson Stacey Novik

# Rythm

Michael Standard, drums Britton Wright, bass Nick Franz, guitar Darren Wheeler, guitar

#### Vocals

Megan Gibson

# Director of Jazz Studies and Senior Lecturer in Saxophone

Sam Skelton, a native of Conyers, Georgia, has been active on the Atlanta music scene for well over two decades. Skelton graduated summa cum laude from Georgia State University and the private studio of Tony Carere with a degree in Jazz Studies. During his course of study at GSU, Skelton was a Montgomery Music Scholar and a two-time fellowship recipient to the Aspen Music Festival. He continued his saxophone studies with Kenneth Radnofsky at Boston University in 1991.

As a woodwind doubler, Skelton is well versed in any genre of music. His grasp of saxophone, clarinet and flute has enabled him to remain very busy in live performance as well as in the studio.

Skelton has performed and/or soloed with The London Symphony Orchestra, The Atlanta Symphony, The Atlanta Pops, The Peachtree Pops, The Atlanta Ballet Orchestra and The Cobb Symphony Orchestra as well as numerous local high school and civic ensembles. World Premiers include James Oliverio's *Children of A Common Mother*, Lee Johnson's *Ora Pro Mi: Concerto for Winds Soloist* (clarinet, flute and soprano saxophone) and *Seaside Symphony* (clarinet and soprano saxophone soloist). Skelton also played the premier recording of *Ora Pro Mi* and *Seaside Symphony* with the London Symphony Orchestra.

As a sideman on over 175 compact discs, Skelton remains very active in the studio and can be heard on recordings by such artists as: Elton John, December Radio, Babbie Mason, Howard Tate, Matchbox 20, Train, Edwin McCain, The Gap Band and The Ohio Players. Television and radio jingles include *The Georgia Lottery, Glen Beck, The Weather Channel, The Travel Channel, Ford, The Cartoon Network, CNN, Nature's Own, Popeye's, Papa John's and Turner South.* Television appearances include *In the Heat of the Night, Savannah* and *Sinbad's Summer Jam II* on HBO.

Skelton is currently Director of Jazz Studies and Lecturer in Saxophone at Kennesaw State University. He is also Artistic Director of CSO Jazz and GYSO Jazz. Skelton served as Professor of Saxophone at Georgia State University from 1991 to 2004 and was Jazz Ensemble Director at Georgia Tech from 2002-2004 and Artist-in-Residence at The University Of Georgia Jazz Department. He served as Visiting Professor of Saxophone at Furman University 2001-02. Professional associations include: Georgia Music Educators Association, Georgia Association of Jazz Educators, National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (voting member) and the American Federation of Musicians. Skelton is a Conn-Selmer Artist.

Wes Funderburk has performed across the United States and Europe and is currently one of the most sought after trombonists and arrangers in Atlanta and the southeast. He is the author of *Funderbone. com* and the inventor of *Blog Songs!* - his award-winning music blog and podcast. Wes has performed and recorded with a wide array of national and internationally-renowned artists including Band of Horses, Spoon, Jermaine Dupri, Cee Lo, The Boston Brass, Natalie Cole, Dallas Austin, SoShy, Kelis, India Arie, Slide Hampton, Joe Gransden, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra. He has also been a featured performer at The Atlanta Dogwood Festival, Atlanta Jazz Festival, Atlanta Black Arts Festival, Candler Park Festival, Inman Park Festival, Montreux-Atlanta Jazz Festival, Jacksonville Jazz Festival, Montreux Jazz Festival and North Sea Jazz Festival.

Wes' recording credits include So So Def Records, Atlantic Records, Verve Records, Colombia Records, Universal Records, Arista Records, Giant Step Records, the *Cartoon Network* and the *Weather Channel*. His arranging credits include music for Ben van Dijk, Natalie Cole, Joe Gransden Big Band, The Georgia Brass Band, The Atlanta Jazz Orchestra, Kenessaw State University Jazz Ensemble, Georgia State University Jazz Ensemble and Brass Band, the Piedmont Trombone Society and the Tempest Little Big Band. Wes is also the leader and co-founder of The Funderhorns - a freelance commercial horn section that has recorded in some of the finest recording studios in the country.

As an educator, Wes has given clinics and master classes at Francis Marion University, The University of North Florida, Georgia State University, Columbus State University (Ga), the Mars Hill Low Brass Retreat, Tanglewood Music Camp and numerous high schools across the Southeast. He maintains an active private studio for students of all ages and is currently the low brass instructor at the Atlanta International School. In 2007, Wes joined the faculty at Kennesaw State University as a jazz band director and in 2010, joined the faculty at Georgia State University as visiting lecturer in jazz studies. 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.

Wes is a clinician and performing artist for Rath trombones.

# Our Faculty

#### Director

Michael Alexander, Interim Director

#### Woodwinds

Robert Cronin, Flute Cecilia Price, Flute Christina Smith, Flute Elizabeth Koch Tiscione, Oboe Dane Philipsen, Oboe John Warren, Clarinet Laura Najarian, Bassoon Sam Skelton, Saxophone

#### **Brass and Percussion**

Karin Bliznik, Trumpet Doug Lindsey, Trumpet Jason Eklund, Horn Thomas Witte, Horn George Curran, Trombone Tom Gibson, Trombone Bernard Flythe, Tuba/Euphonium Michael Moore, Tuba

Justin Chesarek, Jazz Percussion

John Lawless, Percussion

# Strings

Helen Kim, Violin Catherine Lynn, Viola Allyson Fleck, Viola Charae Krueger, Cello Douglas Sommer, Double Bass Joseph McFadden, Double Bass Elisabeth Remy Johnson, Harp Mary Akerman, Classical Guitar Trey Wright, Jazz Guitar Marc Miller, Jazz Bass

# **Ensembles & Conductors**

Alison Mann, Choral Activities Russell Young, Opera and Musical Theatre Eileen Moremen, Opera Michael Alexander, Orchestras John Culvahouse, Wind Ensembles David T. Kehler, Wind Ensembles Charles Laux, Orchestras Oral Moses, Gospel Choir Wes Funderburk, Jazz Ensembles Sam Skelton, Jazz Ensembles Marc Miller, Jazz Combos

Leslie J. Blackwell, Choral Activities

# Voice

Carolyn Dorff Adam Kirkpatrick Eileen Moremen Oral Moses Valerie Walters Jana Young Russell Young, Vocal Coach

Justin Chesarek, Jazz Combos

#### Piano

**Judith Cole** Robert Henry Tyrone Jackson, Jazz Piano John Marsh David Watkins Susan White Soohvun Yun

# Music History & Appreciation

Judith Cole Drew Dolan **Edward Eanes** David T. Kehler Alison Mann

Katherine Morehouse

Harry Price Trey Wright

#### Music Education

Janet Boner Kathleen Creasy John Culvahouse Margaret Grayburn Barbara Hammond Charles Laux Hollie Lawing Alison Mann Angela McKee Richard McKee Harry Price Terri Talley Amber Weldon-Stephens

# Music Theory, Composition & Technology

Judith Cole Allyson Fleck Kelly Francis Jennifer Mitchell Laurence Sherr Benjamin Wadsworth

#### **Chamber Music**

Allyson Fleck Charae Krueger Catherine Lynn Joseph McFadden Harry Price John Warren Soohvun Yun

#### Ensembles in Residence

KSU Faculty String Trio KSU Faculty Chamber Players Atlanta Symphony Brass Quintet Atlanta Percussion Trio

Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

# Kennesaw State University School of Music

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at 8:00 pm in Morgan Concert Hall.

Thursday, April 25, 2013 Choral Ensembles

Saturday, May 4, 2013 Community and Alumni Choir

#### **UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP SERIES**

Monday, April 29, 2013 Percussion Ensemble

For the most current information, please visit http://calendar.kennesaw.edu

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