Kennesaw State University School of Music



Senior Recital

Nic Chambers, saxophone



Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7 pm Sewell Mill Special Events Facility, Bremen, GA One-hundred Eighteenth Concert of the 2016-17 Concert Season

program

SOUNDGARDEN Black Hole Sun

FLEETWOOD MAC

Rhiannon

RAY NOBLE

Cherokee

INTERMISSION

MICHAEL BRECKER

Not Ethiopia

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King of the Lobby

Nic Chambers, saxophone Mark Fucito, trumpet Patrick Arthur, guitar Brandon Boone, bass Jonathan Pace, drums

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the degree **Bachelor of Music in Performance**.

Mr. Chambers studies saxophone with Sam Skelton.

program notes

Black Hole Sun | Chris Cornell with Soundgarden

From Soundgarden's third album, *Superunknown*, this track has always been one of my favorite songs because of its ability to cross genres. Everybody from Post-Modern Jukebox to Brad Mehldau has covered this song; not to mention the countless versions have been played in cinema and television history. The most current version was in HBO's hit, *Westworld*. When I received my loopstation several years ago I knew immediately that this song was the first of a long list of tunes that I wished to cover.

Rhiannon | Stevie Nicks with Fleetwood Mac

This song has only been on my radar now for a few months, but I knew immediately that it was something that I wanted on my recital. It provides an excellent contrast to the rest of my program that I feel will allow it to stand out amongst the rest of the challenging tunes. I was raised on Fleetwood Mac, James Taylor, and Pink Floyd, so I thought that I should play my favorite of Fleetwood Mac's songs.

Cherokee | Ray Noble

"Cherokee" was written in 1938 and, because of performances by some of my favorite saxophone players, it has been a goal of mine to master this particular tune. The fast tempo that this tune is known for is something that I find extremely challenging and having it on my recital will be some sort of a personal accomplishment of mine.

Not Ethiopia | Michael Brecker with The Brecker Brothers

"Not Ethiopia" from The Brecker Brother's 1981 album, *Straphangin*,' was shown to me by my teacher, Sam Skelton. Sam has helped me so much in the past three years and, since he did it on his senior recital, I decided to perform this tune on mine as a tribute to him.

King of the Lobby | Michael Brecker with The Brecker Brothers

"King of the Lobby" from the *Return of the Brecker Brothers* 1992 album is my way of bridging the gap between my roots as a saxophone player and what I hope to become as a musician. David Sanborn, who plays alto in the album version of this song, was my original inspiration to play saxophone. Because of his work on David Bowie's Live in Philadelphia album, I caught the music bug and have been a HUGE Sanborn fan ever since.

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