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CSU JAZZ ENSEMBLE II

Wil Swindler, Director

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Jazz Ensemble II

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Acha

Devin Arter, *trumpet*
Alex Buehler, *trombone*
Eric Shrumm, *baritone saxophone*
Calli Dodd, *alto saxophone*
Ian Schmid, *trumpet*

The Queen Bee

Kirk Bakalis, *tenor saxophone*
Ethen Marrs, *piano*

Blóm

Calli Dodd, *soprano saxophone*
Ethen Marrs, *piano*

Are We There Yet?

Lyle Mays/arr by Bob Curnow
Eli Johnson, *trombone*
Devin Arter, *trumpet*
Kaelin McDonald, *trombone*
Mackenzie Sutphin, *trumpet*
Jake Johnson, *alto saxophone*

Tenor Madness

Sonny Rollins/arr by Mark Taylor
Kirk Bakalis, *tenor saxophone*
Connor Sims, *tenor saxophone*

Jazz Ensemble II Personnel:

Jake Johnson, *alto saxophone (lead)*

Calli Dodd, *alto/soprano saxophones, clarinet (lead)*

Kirk Bakalis, *tenor saxophone, clarinet*

Connor Sims, *tenor saxophone*

Eric Shrumm, *baritone saxophone*

Andrew Funk, *trumpet, fluegelhorn (lead)*

Mackenzie Sutphin, *trumpet (lead)*

Erick Escobar, *trumpet, fluegelhorn (lead)*

Devin Arter, *trumpet*

Ian Schmid, *trumpet, fluegelhorn*

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Composer and Saxophonist, **Wil Swindler** currently resides near Denver, Colorado where he leads Wil Swindler’s Elevenet and serves as musical director for the latin jazz group Onda and vocalist Barron Steffen. He is a performer and contributing composer with the 9th+Lincoln Orchestra, the Colorado Jazz Orchestra, Red Sylvester, and the Legacy Jazz Orchestra. He also performs with the Fort Collins Symphony, Manny Lopez’s Latin Jazz Project, the Gretchen Troop Band and the Boulder Philharmonic, as well as playing productions at both the Buell Theatre and the Arvada Center for the Arts. In addition to receiving IAJE’s Gil Evans Fellowship for 2008, Wil has recently completed a commission for the US Air Force Academy Band Falconaires which will be included on their upcoming CD release. His other commissions of note include a grant from Denver University for original music for his Elevenet, a new work for saxophone quartet at the World Saxophone Congress in Bangkok, Thailand, a new work for five winds premiered in Mastatal, Costa Rica, and various projects from high schools around the country. He has one CD released on the NohJoh Music Label (October 2006) with his Austin, TX-based group the Chamber Jazz Ensemble. Two of Mr. Swindler’s compositions are featured on the latest CD release (December 2007) by the 9th+Lincoln Orchestra. His big band charts have been performed by the University of North Texas lab bands, university jazz ensembles in Japan, Cornell University, Colorado State University, Denver University, Le Moyne College, University of California Chico, and Humber College in Toronto, Canada.

As an educator, Wil is in demand as both a saxophone and jazz clinician and joined the music faculty at Colorado State University as an adjunct Jazz Instructor in the fall of 2009. He is a frequent adjudicator for high school and college jazz festivals in the southwest and maintains a private saxophone/composition studio in the Denver area. Wil has served as an Adjunct Saxophone Teacher at Denver University, composition teacher for the Colorado Conservatory of the Jazz Arts, faculty at the Yellowstone Jazz Camp as well as the University of Northern Colorado Jazz Camp, and the Rocky Mountain Summer Music Camp.

Originally from Central Texas, Wil began studying music at age 5 and picked up the saxophone at age 9. He earned a B.M. in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas in 2001 where he played in, composed for, and recorded with the 1:00 Lab Band. In 2000 he attended the Henry Mancini Institute on a full scholarship from BMI and received a commission the following year from HMI for a piece premiered at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. In Sept 2001, Wil relocated to New York City, where he played with Toshiko Akiyoshi and Bill Warfield’s NY Fusion Ensemble among others. During his time in New York, Wil studied saxophone with Dave Pietro and composition with Michael Abene and Jim McNeely as a member of the BMI Jazz Composers’ Workshop. In 2003 he returned to his hometown of Austin, TX where he co-founded the 10-pc Chamber Jazz Ensemble and served as musical director for vocalist Kevin Ahart. Mr. Swindler has lived in Longmont, Colorado since March 2006 with his wife April Johannesen.

Jazz Faculty

Steven Marx, <i>trumpet</i>	Ben Markley, <i>jazz piano</i>
Greg Harper, <i>trombone</i>	Forest Greenough, <i>bass</i>
Peter Sommer, <i>saxophone and jazz studies</i>	Shilo Stroman, <i>jazz drumset and percussion</i>
Wil Swindler, <i>saxophone and jazz studies</i>	

Poudre High School Jazz Ensemble

Corry Petersen, Director

Sepia Panorama

Simon Bauer, *trombone*
Devin Hilpert, *trumpet*
Sawyer Finley, *bari*
Connor Finnell, *piano*
Isaac Lozano-Saavedra, *tenor*

Duke Ellington

Oop Bop Sh’Bam

Devin Hilpert, *trumpet*
Eric Schmid, *tenor*

Dizzy Gillespie

Riding On A Blue Note

Matt Eastberg-Persons, *trumpet*

Duke Ellington

Libertango

Astor Piazzolla, arr. Michael Philip Mossman
Sam Auyeung, *alto*
Connor Finnell, *piano*

Poudre High School Jazz Ensemble Personnel:

Sam Auyeung, *alto*

Simon Bauer, *trombone*

Autumn Seibel, *alto*

Maisie Iven, *trombone*

Kyle Neith, *trombone*

Austin Blaho, *tenor*

Isaac Lozano-Saavedra, *tenor*

Everitt Merritt, *guitar*

Eric Schmid, *tenor*

Connor Finnell, *piano*

Sawyer Finely-Bari, *trumpet*

Kevin Alcala, *trumpet*

Joe Ignowski, *drums*

Matt Eastberg-Persons, *trumpet*

Julian Kley, *drums*

Devin Hilpert, *trumpet*

Jazz Ensemble I

Peter Sommer, Director

Something Different

Chuck Mangione
Arranged by Ernie Wilkins
Adapted by Wil Swindler

Dan Kramer, *tenor saxophone*
Ryan Sullivan, *trumpet*
Ben Strauss, *alto saxophone*

Soldiering

Tyler Gilmore

Jon Gray, *trumpet*

Aachen

Tyler Gilmore

Shilo Stroman, special guest, *vibraphone*
Ryan Sullivan, *trumpet*

The Deacon

Thad Jones
Transcribed by Vern Sielert

Matt Carroll, *piano*
Matt O'Connor, *trumpet*
Dave Ellis, *trombone*

Timeless

Bob Mintzer

Dave Ellis, *trombone*
Joe Sernett, *guitar*
Matt Carroll, *piano*

Time Out

Don Menza

Ben Strauss, *alto saxophone*
Jon Gray, *trumpet*

Jazz Ensemble I Personnel:

Ben Strauss, *soprano/alto saxophone, flute*
Matt Banks, *alto saxophone, flute*
Dan Kramer, *tenor saxophone*
Elliott Schwebach, *tenor saxophone*
Nathan Wilson, *baritone saxophone*

Matt Becker, *trumpet 1*
Scott Webber, *trumpet 2*
Ryan Sullivan, *trumpet 3*
Jon Gray, *trumpet 4*
Matt O'Connor, *trumpet 5*

Dave Ellis, *trombone 1*
Logan Kingston, *trombone 2*
Andrew Deem, *trombone 3*
Jesse Sylvester, *bass trombone*

Joe Sernett, *guitar*
Matt Carroll, *piano*
Dan Smith, *bass*
Colin Sitgreaves, *drums*

BIOGRAPHIES

Peter Sommer, saxophonist and composer, is in demand as a performer, clinician and recording artist throughout the state of Colorado and across the nation. Since establishing himself among the Denver area’s elite jazz musicians, Peter has contributed his muscular tenor playing and creative spirit to a wide variety of musical projects ranging from mainstream bebop to avant garde and beyond.

Peter has released two albums as a leader – Sioux County (2006) on Tapestry Records, featuring his original compositions in duo with jazz piano legend Art lande, and Crossroads (2008) on Capri Records, featuring a two-tenor frontline with the great NYC saxophonist Rich Perry. From a May 2009 Saxophone Journal review of Crossroads, “(Sommer) is the possessor of a dark, gritty sound, clean, fast technique, melodic ideas and a true understanding of the post-bebop style. In addition, he is fearless, thus the inclusion of one of the most original voices of the tenor saxophone in jazz as a guest artist, Rich Perry. . . . Together the two tenor players compliment each other perfectly. . . . After hearing this CD, the name Peter Sommer will certainly jump out at you in a big way; this guy delivers.” Peter is also featured on Terra Firma (Synergy Music) by the Ken Walker Sextet, Unfailing Kindness (Capri Records) by Chie Imaizumi, and the debut release from Ninth and Lincoln (Dazzle Records). He is also a soloist on the Colorado Symphony Orchestra’s recording of Too Hot to Handel with Marin Alsop conducting.

Peter is a regular member of the Ken Walker Sextet, Ninth and Lincoln (modern big band under the direction of Tyler Gilmore), the Wil Swindler Elevenet, the Fred Hess Big Band, the Colorado Jazz Orchestra, the New Third Stream Saxophone Quartet and is an honorary member of the Russian Dragon Band. He also performs often as a soloist, in duo with Art Lande, and as a leader of his own quartet – Tremolo Canteen.

The Peter Sommer/Art Lande Duo has recently given concerts and clinics at Middle Tennessee State University, Portland State University, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Baylor University, the University of Colorado, the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, and at the Jazz School in Berkeley, CA.

Peter has performed with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and the Colorado Music Festival Orchestra, and has appeared at many jazz festivals throughout the state including the Telluride Jazz Celebration, Jazz in the Sangres and the Vail Jazz Festival. Peter has been a featured jazz soloist at North American Saxophone Alliance Regional and Biennial Conferences and has also performed at IAJE International Conferences in Anaheim and Toronto, Canada, and has performed at World Saxophone Congresses in Valencia, Spain and Bangkok, Thailand. Peter has performed in concert with Greg Gisbert, Ron Miles, Brad Goode, Bobby Shew, John McNeil, Clay Jenkins, Cuong Vu, Bobby Watson, Dave Pietro, Don Aliquo, Gary Smulyan, Paul McKee, Nguyen Le, Dale Bruning, Jim McNeely, Joanne Brackeen, Chip Stephens, John Riley, Matt Wilson, Roseanna Vitro and Ernie Andrews. He has also played for Tony Bennett and John Pizzarelli with the Colorado Symphony.

Peter Sommer is Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies and Saxophone at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. At CSU, Mr. Sommer directs Jazz Ensemble I and the CSU Jazz Combo program, in addition to teaching courses in Jazz Improvisation and Jazz Pedagogy.

Peter received both his Bachelors’ degree in Music and his Masters in Jazz Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Colorado at Boulder. During his time at CU, Peter was awarded first place in the Jazz Improvisation Competition at the North American Saxophone Alliance National Conference, was the recipient of a Downbeat Student Music Award for Outstanding Performance by a Soloist in both the Jazz and Blues/Pop/Rock categories, was a member of three jazz combos that received Downbeat Student Music Awards for Outstanding Performance by a small jazz group, and was featured with University of Colorado Jazz Ensemble I which also received an Outstanding Performance award.