

Simon Hutchings - Biography

Originally from London, UK, Simon Hutchings is one of the most in demand woodwind performers in Florida, where he regularly performs with visiting entertainers and touring Broadway musicals including Marie Osmond, The Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, "Chicago," "Wicked," and "Spamalot."

Simon has enjoyed a diverse career to date, having performed with groups such as The Phoenix Symphony, The USAF Falconaires, and The Naples Philharmonic. He is also an accomplished chamber musician, having performed for six years with the Joseph Wytko Saxophone Quartet, and being a founding member of both the Areté Woodwind Doubling Quartet, and the Helios Saxophone Quartet.

Simon has both completed coursework towards a Doctor of Musical Arts degree, and holds a Master of Music degree from Arizona State University. At ASU, he studied with Dr. Joseph Wytko, for whom Simon served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. His undergraduate studies were at Trinity College of Music, London, where he studied with Hale Hambleton.

Simon has seen success in several national and international music competitions including the Fischhoff (Gold Medal,) Coleman (1st Prize,) and Monterey Bay (1st Prize) Chamber Music Competitions, and the BBC Radio 2 Young Musician Competition (runner-up.) He can be heard on several CD recordings including "EnTangoment" - Joseph Wytko Saxophone Quartet, "Trinity Fair" - Trinity College of Music Big Band, and "Big Band Classics" - Craig Turley Orchestra.

Simon holds positions on the adjunct faculty at Bethune-Cookman University, where he teaches saxophone and chamber music, and at Daytona State College, where he teaches saxophone, clarinet, and chamber music. Simon is also featured in Alfred Music Publishing's new "Sound Innovations" band method series, where he presents a DVD masterclass to accompany both the clarinet and alto saxophone books.