Kennesaw State University Jazz Ensembles

Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 8:00 pm
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall
Eighty-fourth Concert of the 2014-15 Concert Season

Jazz Ensemble II
Wes Funderburk, director

- **All of Me** / Simons / arr. Byers
- **Bossa Rio** / John Fedchock
- **Grand Slam** / Shorty Rogers / arr. Curnow
- **Teddy the Toad** / Neal Hefti
- **Hot House** / Tadd Dameron / arr. Norman

Jazz Ensemble I
Sam Skelton, director

- **Hoe Down** / Oliver Nelson
- **It's Just Talk** / Metheny / Curnow
- **Miss Fine** / Oliver Nelson
- **Emancipation Blues** / Oliver Nelson
- **I Got The News** / Fagen / Becker / Sturm
JAZZ ENSEMBLE II

ALTO SAXES
Brandon Radaker
Nathan Hollis
Muhsin Quraishi
Jackson Swartzendruber
Jimmy Cotter

TENOR SAXES
Ben Humkey
Damonte Scott
Cheylin Dutra

BARI SAX
Andrew Ereddia

TRUMPETS
Collin Siesel
Patrick Collins
Jesse Baker

TROMBONES
Stewart Yancey
Jared Hicks
Travis Longenberger
Tony Wolcott
Devin Witt

DRUMS
Dennis Durrett-Smith
Tyler Neal
Matteo Castano

GUITARS
Caleb Tokarska
Simon Needles

PIANO
Hunter Young

JAZZ ENSEMBLE I

REEDS
Kwame Paige
Devin Okey
Jason Kaplan
Michael Opitz
Nic Chambers

TRUMPETS
Brandon Austin
Bob Wright
Stacie Novik
John Thomas Burson

TROMBONES
Michael DeSouza
Mitchell Frey
George Blevins
Joseph Poole

RHYTHM
Brian Reid, piano
Patrick Arthur, guitar
Jared Leach, guitar
Christian Artieda, guitar
Brandon Boone, bass

Janna Graham, drums/
percussion
Cameron Austin, drums/
percussion
Jonathan Pace, drums/
percussion

biographies

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.net and the inventor of Blog Songs! - his award-winning music blog and podcast.

Wes has written, performed, recorded with a wide array of national and internationally-renowned artists including Jennifer Holliday, 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 Russell Gunn's Krunk Jazz Orchestra, Jennifer Holiday, Ben van Dijk, Natalie Cole, Joe Gransden Big Band, The Georgia Brass Band, The Atlanta Jazz Orchestra, Kennesaw 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 University of Georgia, 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 governor for the Atlanta chapter of the Recording Academy and a clinician and performing artist for Rath trombones and Facet Mutes.

**Directo**r 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 Olive-rio’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.
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Friday, March 20
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
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