

*The Department of Music
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Presents*

JAZZ ENSEMBLE I

Robert Baca, Director

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THAD JONES (1924-1986)

November 10, 1986

8:00 p.m.

Gantner Concert Hall

PROGRAM

Wind Machine

Sammy Nestico

Soloists: Geoff Keezer, Piano
Darren LeBrun, Tenor Saxophone
James Gallagher, Drums

Stompin' at the Savoy

Webb/Goodman/Razaf/Sampson
Arr. Bill Holman

Soloists: Michael Larson, Trumpet
Karl Finseth, Alto Saxophone
Geoff Keezer, Piano

Incredible Journey

Bob Mintzer

Soloists: Darren LeBrun, Tenor Saxophone
Andy Classen, Trumpet
James Gallagher, Drums

Lush Life

Billy Strayhorn

Soloists: Andy Classen, Flugelhorn
Randal Meinen, Trombone

Midnight Run

Bill Holman

Soloists: Rich Morgan, Trumpet
Dave Freier, Tenor Saxophone
Nate Johnson, Alto Saxophone

When Sunny Gets Blue

Mavin Fischer/Jack Segal
Arr. Sigurdur Flosesen

Soloist: Andy Classen, Trumpet

Featured Soloist, Lori Carpenter

Jazz Espagnol

Al Cobine

Soloists: Rich Morgan, Trumpet
Darren LeBrun, Tenor Saxophone

INTERMISSION

The second half of the program is dedicated to the late Thad Jones.

Us

Thad Jones

Soloist: Nate Johnson, Soprano Saxophone

Evol Deklaw Ni

Thad Jones

Soloists: Nate Johnson, Soprano Saxophone
Rich Morgan, Trumpet

Tip Toe

Thad Jones

Soloists: Keith Thompson, Trumpet
Karl Finseth, Alto Saxophone
James Gallagher, Drums

Cherry Juice

Thad Jones

Soloists: Andy Classen, Trumpet
David Freier, Tenor Saxophone

Consummation

Thad Jones

Soloists: Andy Classen, Flugelhorn
Michael Miller, Tuba
Linnea Hauge, Julie Ward, Donna Kregel,
Mike Monk, French Horns

ABOUT THAD JONES. . .

Thad Jones, who touched the entire world with his unique, sensitive trumpet solos and intricately harmonized arrangements died earlier this year after a four-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Jones was first nationally recognized as an acclaimed trumpet soloist with Count Basie in the early 1940's. It seemed only fitting for him to take over as leader of the great Basie band after Mr. Basie died in 1984.

Mr. Jones was best known for his work with the 18-piece band he co-directed with drummer Mel Lewis. Mr. Lewis described Thad Jones as ". . . a natural writer, self taught. He wrote like he played, which means he was different. He had a unique sense of rhythm. He wrote the rhythm into music. . . He didn't write squared-off music. There was a lot of syncopation, and his harmony - he used special voicing that was almost impossible for anybody to copy. Very difficult to play, but, when played correctly, was absolutely fantastic to listen to."

Thad Jones' name will go down in history as one of the great composers and innovators of jazz music. We will all miss him.

All concerts and recitals are recorded. Please respect the need for silence during all concerts. Coughing, careless handling of programs and papers, and electronic watches or beepers are a serious distraction to performers and audience. The use of cameras or recording equipment cannot be permitted.

ROBERT BACA, DIRECTOR

Robert Baca is director of jazz ensembles and instructor of trumpet at UW-Eau Claire. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, a Master's Degree in Trumpet Performance, and is currently completing a Doctorate of Brass Pedagogy from Indiana University. Mr. Baca is a multifaceted performer, teacher, and clinician. He has performed as principal trumpet and soloist with fine orchestras and has toured with many well-known entertainers such as Frank Sinatra, Buddy Rich, Mel Tormé, and Tony Bennett. Mr. Baca's duties at UW-EC include teaching jazz improvisation, jazz history, and private trumpet students as well as conducting Jazz Band I and performing with the Faculty Brass Quintet. Mr. Baca is endorsed as a clinician by the Selmer Company.

UW-EC JAZZ ENSEMBLE I

Trumpets

Keith Thomson
Andy Classen
Joe Kasperek
Mike Larson
Rich Morgan

Trombones

Randy Meinen
Cindy Myhers
Cheryl DeMars
David Haroldson

Drums

James Gallagher
Michael Gutkowski

French Horns

Linnea Hauge
Julie Ward
Donna Kregel
Michael Monk

Saxophones

Alto-

Nate Johnson
Karl Finseth

Tenor-

Darren LeBrun
Dave Freier

Baritone-

Mary Symanski

Percussion

John Kelley

Piano

Geoff Keezer

Bass

Al Hager

Tuba

Michael Miller