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NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Friday, May 18, 2007 8:00 p.m.
Northeastern Illinois University
Jewel Box Series

Chicago Saxophone Quartet

Wayne Richards, *soprano saxophone*
Paul Bro, *alto saxophone*
Leo Saguiguit, *tenor saxophone*
James Kasprzyk, *baritone saxophone*

Program

Italian Concerto, BWV 971 Allegro	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) arr. Katsuki Tochio
Quartette Andante Allegro	Caryl Florio (1843-1920)
Quartet for Saxophones Slow – Moderately Fast Slow and Quiet Lively	Russell Howland (1908-1995)
Quartet for Saxophones Ouverture Doloroso Spiritoso Andante – Presto	Pierre-Max Dubois (b. 1930-1995)

Intermission

July Michael Torke
(b. 1961)

Café 1930 from Story of the Tango Astor Piazzolla
(1921-1992)
arr. Claude Vuirpy

Tango Virtuoso Thierry Escaich
(b. 1965)

Wapango Paquito D'Rivera
(b. 1948)

Suite on Popular Romanian Themes Jean Absil
(1893-1974)
Allegro vivace
Andante con moto
Scherzo leggiero
Andante cantabile
Rude et fortement rythmé

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Please join us after the concert in the Golden Eagle room for a reception with the performers.

Chicago Saxophone Quartet



Formed in 1968, the Chicago Saxophone Quartet is a dynamic and virtuosic ensemble that has achieved a distinguished reputation for excellence in musical performance. Over the past thirty years, members of the Quartet have played for enthusiastic audiences in Europe, North America, and Southeast Asia.

Throughout its history, the Chicago Saxophone Quartet has undertaken a diverse array of performance opportunities. In addition to the ensemble's many concerts and residencies at universities and arts centers, members of the Quartet have appeared with several orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the Grant Park Orchestra. Moreover, the Quartet has been featured on the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series, the nationally-syndicated radio station WFMT, and the Chicago TV station WTTW, and has recorded for both Coronet and Brewster Records. In 1991 the CSQ released its first compact disc, *The Chicago Saxophone Quartet* on the Centaur label, and it released the compact disc *Capriccio* with the Indiana State University Wind Ensemble in 1994 on the Truemedialabel. The CSQ released its third compact disc, *July*, in December 2000.

The Chicago Saxophone Quartet is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the Illinois Arts Tour.

The Performers

Wayne Richards, soprano saxophonist, was the Instructor of Saxophone at Roosevelt University from 1978 to 1991. He holds a bachelor of music degree and master of music degree from Northwestern University. As a recipient of a Richter International Scholar Grant, he earned the Premier Prix in saxophone from the Conservatoire Nationale de Bordeaux. Mr. Richards was formerly the alto saxophonist of the Frederick Hemke Saxophone Quartet and is active as a studio musician and freelance commercial performer in the thriving theatre community.

Paul Bro, alto saxophonist, is active as a soloist as well as chamber musician and has presented recitals in places such as Chicago, Montreal, New York, and Tucson. He has served as an artist-in-residence at the Banff Centre in Alberta, Canada and has preformed on Minnesota Public Radio and the CBC as part of the Bro/Street Duo. Bro recorded *Holy Roller* by Libby Larsen, a work written for him, with the Indiana State University Wind Ensemble on the compact disc *Symphonies and Such*, and he released his first solo CD, *Nostalgie: A Retrospective of the Saxophone Music of M. William Karlins* in the summer of 2000. He received his doctor of music and master of music degrees from Northwestern University and is currently an associate professor of music at Indiana State University. Bro also serves as President-Elect of the North American Saxophone Alliance.

Leo Saguiguit, tenor saxophonist, has appeared in numerous solo and chamber music performances at universities and music festivals throughout the United States and abroad. His activities in various ensembles have led to a prize in the prestigious Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and performances with the Basel Saxophone Quartet of Switzerland, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Milwaukee Symphony, Grant Park Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, and the Florida Orchestra. He holds a bachelor of arts from Emory University and a master of music from Northwestern University. Saguiguit served on the music faculty of Emory University for seven years and Northwestern University for three years. He is currently assistant professor of saxophone at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

James Kasprzyk, baritone saxophonist, is founder of the Chicago Saxophone Quartet and is internationally known as a baritone saxophonist. Mr. Kasprzyk holds both a bachelor of music and master of music degrees from Northwestern University. While a student at Northwestern, he toured the Far East, performing music for saxophone quartet as part of a project sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Kasprzyk is the Assistant Professor of Saxophone at the Vandercook College of Music. Mr. Kasprzyk's transcriptions for saxophone quartet and solo saxophone have gained widespread popularity.

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pianist Kevin Kenner & the Piazzoforte String Quintet
FRI / OCT 19 / 8PM

string octet – The Young Eight
FRI / NOV 16 / 8PM

FOG Trio, Garrick Ohlsson, piano
FRI / DEC 14 / 8PM

Avalon String Quartet
FRI / JAN 18 / 8PM

guitarists - Angel Romero & Eliot Fisk
FRI / FEB 15 / 8PM

Cassatt String Quartet with Rose Sperrazza, clarinet
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novelist, journalist, teacher Claire Messud
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Mikhail Yanovitsky, piano

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Program:

Beethoven: Trio in Bb Major, Op. 11

Glinka: Trio Pathetique

Horovitz: Sonatina for clarinet and piano

W.H. Squire: Tarantella for cello and piano, Op. 2

Liszt: Transcendental Etudes





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