**The Oregon Jazz Ensemble** (OIE) is the premier large jazz ensemble at the University of Oregon. This group's reputation for innovative programming and excellence in performance is underlined by the numerous awards bestowed upon its members - collectively and individually - over recent years. Under the direction of Steve Owen, the Oregon Jazz Ensemble and its students have garnered 15 Downbeat Magazine awards as of late including a 2016 Graduate College Ensemble Outstanding Performance Award. Additionally, OJE has been selected the Outstanding College Jazz Ensemble at the Reno Jazz Festival each year that they have participated over the past sixteen years (including 22 festivalwide awards for U.O. students as Outstanding College Performers at Reno). From among current members, three OJE students have made appearances at international competitions – Josh Hettwer (semi-finalist at the 2014 North America Saxophone Alliance Jazz Competition, Tony Glausi (finalist at the 2013 and winner at the 2014 National Trumpet Competition in jazz), and Matt Hettwer (winner at the 2015 International Trombone Association Carl Fontana Competition).

Recognized throughout the nation and internationally for its excellence in interpretation and performance of the wide variety of styles of music associated with the jazz genre, the Oregon Jazz Ensemble regularly performs new literature for jazz ensemble including works by internationally renowned composers/ arrangers as well as students of the UO jazz program. In addition to its concerts on campus, the OJE is a frequent performer at jazz festivals and educational conferences, including the Vienne Jazz Festival, Montreux Jazz Festival, La Spezia Jazz Festival, Umbria Jazz Festival, International Association of Jazz Educators Conference, Oregon Music Educators Conference, the Northwest MENC Conference, Western International Band Conference, Kent-Meridian Jazz Festival, Reno Jazz Festival, Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, and the Seattle Jazz Experience as well as numerous other musical events in the Pacific Northwest.

Featured with the Oregon Jazz Ensemble in recent years have been a host of jazz artists including: Jaleel Shaw, Marshall Gilkes, Clay Jenkins, Julian Lage, Seamus Blake, Dave Douglas, Ingrid Jensen, John Hollenbeck, Theo Bleckman, Don Braden, James Moody, Renato Caranto, Randy Brecker, Peter Erskine, Ron Miles, Dick Oatts, Jon Faddis, Rufus Reid, Billy Pierce, Conrad Herwig, Jim Snidero, David Scott, John Moak, Maria Schneider, Paul Mazzio, Mel Brown, David Pietro, Bobby Shew, Luis Bonilla, Shane Endsley, and Kaveh Rastegar. For more information on the Oregon Jazz Ensemble and the entire Jazz Studies Program at the University of Oregon go to: jazz.uoregon.edu.

For more about the OJE, jazz concerts, clinics, and master classes visit: jazz.uoregon.edu

# OREGON UNIVERSITY OF

# SCHOOL

the **Oregon Jazz** Ensemble

at the **2016** 

Western
International
Band Conference

Steve Owen, director

SeaTac Hotel and Conference Center Sunday, November 20, 2016 | 9 p.m.



PROGRAM

**Dum Dum**comp./arr. Quincy Jones
soloists Jonathan Corona, tenor sax
Chris Casaceli, tenor sax

**Eleanor Rigby** John Lennon and Paul McCartney

arr. Eric Richards

**SOLOISTS** Will Jakes, guitar Matt Hettwer, trombone

I Hear A Rhapsody comp. George Frakos

Jack Baker, Dick Gasparre

arr. Bob Mintzer

**SOLOIST** Matt Hettwer, trombone

Get A Grip Tony Glausi

soloists Jonathan Corona, tenor sax

Tony Glausi, trumpet Cam Whitehead, bass

**Per Aspera** comp./arr. Dan Gailey

**SOLOIST** Josh Hettwer, tenor sax

**Such Sweet Thunder** comp./arr. Duke Ellington

and Billy Strayhorn

Stephen Grindel, trumpet

You Must Believe In Spring comp. Michel LeGrand

arr. Vern Sielert

**SOLOISTS** Tony Glausi, trumpet Josh Hettwer, alto saxophone

**Thunk** comp./arr. James Miley

**SOLOISTS** Jack Radsliff, guitar Tim Carrigg, piano

I Can't Seem To Get Enough Of You comp. Tony Glausi

arr. Matt Hettwer

**SOLOIST** Tony Glausi, trumpet

**Luna B** David Von Kampen

**SOLOIST** Sam Dale, trombone

**Steve Owen** (composer, conductor, saxophonist) is a Philip H. Knight Professor of Music and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Oregon. Steve has presented clinics at MENC conventions across the nation and directed All-State jazz ensembles in Colorado, Connecticut, Arizona, Texas, Nevada, California, Nebraska, and Minnesota as well as Oregon. In 1991, Owen was one of two winners of the Ersted Award, the University of Oregon's top faculty award for distinguished teaching and in 2007 was likewise honored with the university's Excellence in Teaching Award. Steve is founder and co-director of the Oregon Jazz Festival (an annual workshop for college, junior high, and high school jazz ensembles), the University of Oregon Summer Jazz Improvisation Camp, and is on the faculty of the University of Kansas' jazz camp. As a saxophonist, Steve appears regularly as a soloist at high school and college festivals and is featured on two recent big band CDs - Dan Cavanagh's "Pulse" and the Dan Gailey Jazz Orchestra "What Did You Dream" CD. A composer and arranger of national prominence, Owen's works have been performed by Bobby McFerrin, Dave Weckl, Anne Marie Moss, with recent commissions by the Hessischer Rundfunk Big Band (Frankfurt, Germany) and the Taipei Jazz Orchestra. Steve's own CD, Stand Up Eight, was released by Origin/OA2 Records in February 2013 featuring nine of his works for large jazz ensemble. Steve's music is published by UNC Jazz Press, Heritage JazzWorks, and Sierra Music with selfpublished pieces found at SteveOwenMusic.com.

## **OREGON JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Steve Owen, director

### **SAXOPHONES**

Alto I Josh Hettwer
Alto II Lee Burlingame
Tenor I Jon Corona
Tenor II Chris Casaceli
Bari Sarah Schultz

### **TRUMPETS**

Trpt I (lead) Alexis Garnica
Trpt II Tony Glausi
Trpt III Stephen Grindel
Trpt IV John Cummings
Trpt V Luke Harju

### **TROMBONES**

Trbn I Matt Hettwer Sam Dale

Trbn II Brandon Pressley

Trbn III Matt Miller Bass Bone Kenny Ross

### **RHYTHM SECTION**

Guitar Will Jakes

Jack Radsliff

Piano Leo Bae

Tim Carrigg

Bass Garrett Baxter

Cam Whitehead

Drum Set Ken Mastrogiovanni

Kelsey Bleck