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Ithaca College Jazz Ensemble

Ford Hall
Thursday, October 13, 2011
8:15 p.m.
Program

In A Mellow Tone  
Duke Ellington  
(1899-1974)

Jason Juliano, alto saxophone  
Kevin Cope, trumpet

Blues For Alfy  
Bill Holman  
(1927-)

Joshua Condon, piano  
Alec Staples, flute  
Emily Pecoraro, tenor sax  
Kevin Cope, trumpet

Tree Frog  
Bill Holman

Joshua Condon, piano  
Ethan Zawisza, trombone  
Paul Schwartz, trumpet

Too Close For Comfort  
Jerry Bock, Larry Holofcener, and George Weiss, arr. Bill Holman

Joshua Condon, Piano  
Paul Schwartz, trumpet

Love Notes on the Wind  
Gerry Niewood (1943-2009)  
arr. Mike Titlebaum

Jason Juliano, soprano sax  
Joshua Condon, piano

Plain Brown Wrapper  
Bill Holman

Emily Pecoraro, tenor sax  
Ethan Zawisza, trombone  
Joshua Condon, piano

Ticker  
Bill Holman

Damien Scalise, guitar  
Kevin Cope, trumpet  
Jason Juliano, alto sax

Told You So  
Bill Holman

Alec Staples, flute  
Ethan Zawisza, trombone

Kinda Dukish / Rockin' In Rhythm  
Duke Ellington

Joshua Condon, piano  
Emily Pecoraro, clarinet  
Paul Schwartz, trumpet
About the composers

Bill Holman
Born in 1927, Bill Holman has been composing and arranging professionally in the big band idiom for over 60 years. His pieces have been performed and recorded by big bands led by Stan Kenton, Count Basie, Woody Herman, Buddy Rich, Gerry Mulligan, Terry Gibbs and others. In 1997, he won a Grammy award for his album "Brilliant Corners" which is comprised of his arrangements of compositions by the unique jazz composer/pianist Thelonious Monk. All of Bill Holman's pieces on today's program were written for the Count Basie album "I Told You So" recorded in 1976.

Duke Ellington
Duke Ellington is one of the most prolific and influential composers in the history of American Music. He wrote nearly 1500 pieces, including pieces for his big band, symphonic works, ballets and music for film. He led his big band from 1923 until he died in 1974, employing many of the greatest soloists in the history of jazz, including Johnny Hodges, Harry Carney, Ben Webster, Cootie Williams, Jimmy Blanton, Clark Terry, and many others. Most of his pieces were written specifically for his soloists, and those pieces reflect the unique sounds and styles of the players.

Gerry Niewood
Multi-woodwind artist Gerry Niewood was adored by fellow musicians and audience members alike. A native of Rochester, NY, Niewood grew up with fellow Rochesterian Chuck Mangione, and was an important part of Mangione's world-famous jazz groups in the 1970s. He was also a busy working musician in New York City, playing in broadway shows and recording studios. In 2009, he was killed in an airplane crash over Buffalo, NY. The arrangement of his song "Love Notes On the Wind" on tonight's program was written for his memorial concert in 2009.

Personnel

Ithaca College Jazz Ensemble

Saxophones
Jason Juliano, alto
Christopher Miley, alto
Emily Pecoraro, tenor
Alec Staples, tenor
Andrew Horwitz, bari

Trumpets
Sam Thurston
Kevin Cope
Paul Schwartz
Danny Venora

Trombones
Ethan Zawisza
T.J. Schaper
Jeff Chilton
Bill Connors

Rhythm
Josh Condon, piano
Alana Dawes, bass
Damien Scalise, guitar
Will Sigel, drums
Upcoming jazz events

- **Thursday, Oct 27, 8:15PM** in Hockett Recital Hall: Ithaca Jazz Quartet (faculty jazz group).

- **Friday, Nov 4, 8:15PM** in Ford Hall: IC Jazz Vocal Ensemble directed by Catherine Gale and Concert Band directed by Mark Fonder (this is a free-yet-ticketed event as part of Family Weekend).

- **Saturday, Nov 5, 8:15PM** in Ford Hall: Jazz Ensemble directed by Mike Titlebaum, and Symphonic Band directed by Elizabeth Peterson (this is a free-yet-ticketed event as part of Family Weekend).

- **Wednesday, Nov 30, 8:15PM** in Hockett Recital Hall: IC Jazz Vocal Ensemble directed by Catherine Gale.

- **Monday, Dec 5, 8:15PM** in Ford Hall: Jazz Lab Band, directed by Bill Tiberio.

- **Friday, Dec 9, 8:15PM** in Ford Hall: IC Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mike Titlebaum.

- **Monday, Dec 12, 8:15PM** in Ford Hall: Jazz Lab Band, directed by Greg Evans

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