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Presents in Concert

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND JAZZ COMBOS Dr. David Esleck, Director

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JAZZ and SAMBA ENSEMBLES Mr. Kevin Harding, Director

> Monday, April 12, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Camp Concert Hall Booker Hall of Music







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University of Richmond Jazz Combos

Dr. David Esleck, Director

So What Sweet Georgia Brown Miles Davis Ben Bernie Maceo Pinkard KennethCasey

THE CHECKERBOARD QUARTET

Jessica Clough, violin Elizabeth Homan, vocals Shohsie Oda, drums Tyler Tillage, piano

Meditation Au Privave

Antonio Carlos Jobim Charlie Parker Stephanie Rice

THE BLACK AND WHITE BAND

Tiara Davis, *alto saxophone* Bert Morin, *guitar* Stephanie Rice, *vocals* and *percussion* Andrew Schutte, *bass* Tyler Tillage, *piano* Taylor Wald, *drums*

Solar All Blues Red Clay Chimes Blues Afro Blue Miles Davis Davis Freddie Hubbard Joe "King" Oliver Mongo Santamaria

BOB'S YOUR UNCLE

Tiara Davis, *alto* and *soprano saxophones* Tom Fleming, *guitar* Parker Hawkins, *bass* Owen Hutchinson, *baritone* and *soprano saxophones* Stephen Inglis, *trombone* Matthew Jordan, *trumpet* Greg Montine, *piano* Emma Phillips, *drums* Alex Shafran, *tenor saxophone* Jesse Wells, *violin*

Blues, Ballads, and Bossas

THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND JAZZ ENSEMBLE and SAMBA ENSEMBLE

Mr. Kevin Harding, Director

Emancipation Blues

Angel Eyes

Oliver Nelson

Earl Brent Matt Dennis arr. Frank Foster

Luis Bonfá arr. Kevin Harding

Kevin Harding

Irene Higginbotham Dan Fisher Ervin Drake arr. Kevin Harding

A. C. Jobim arr. Kevin Harding

William Basie

The Gentle Rain

Scuffletown Stomp

Good Morning Heartache

O Morro Não Tem Vez

Avenue "C"

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Reeds Thomas King Tiara Davis Owen Hutchinson Alex Shafran Eric Switick

Brass Matt Jordan Bruce Lee Dave Merchan Sharon Petway

Piano Greg Montine *Guitar* Dan Schauder

Drums Michael Coleman Emma Phillips

Bass Parker Hawkins

Vibes, Percussion Ari Corson

SAMBA ENSEMBLE

Reco-Reco Lauren Firich

Ganzá Alecia Houston

Agogô Eric Rudofker

Tan-Tan Mike Heenan

DAVID L. ESLECK



"Frank Zappa said to me: 'You're the one in the trenches. You're doing the real work!"" For David Esleck, that work includes performing, composing, producing and educating. Appearing as a multi-instrumentalist early in his career, he soon chose to focus on the piano - "That's challenge enough!" He now appears frequently in concerts and recitals, both as a piano soloist and with his jazz trio. Esleck's recordings are first round Grammy Award and Indie award nominees,

and he has performed for ,and with, Presidents, heads of state, CEO's, Hollywood stars, and musical figures like The Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Tony Bennett. His jazz trio's new recording is to be released in 2010 on the Yes Yes Records label.

Esleck's compositions, both jazz and classical, are heard in concerts, films, and television. A trained composer, Esleck holds Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees in the discipline from Tennessee Technological University, The University of Virginia, and The Catholic University of America, where his teachers have included Robert Jager, Aaron Copland, Walter Ross, and Judith Shatin. Jazz bands, children's choirs, orchestras and soloists have performed Esleck's music; it was recently featured in the PBS documentary "Tuba U," on the career of legendary music educator Winston Morris.

The variety of styles and genres present in Esleck's compositions is also reflected in the diversity of artists with whom he has done production work. Esleck has served as record producer for a wide variety of clients, working with 21st century composers, classical performers, Nashville-bound singers, rock and roll artists, and everything in between.

Esleck's dedication to the art of music is equaled by his commitment to music education. He is currently celebrating 10 years of working with the students at the University of Richmond, where he teaches jazz performance, jazz history, and jazz piano, in addition to courses in the more traditional fields of music history, theory, and piano performance. Before coming to UofR, he was head of the jazz/ commercial music degree program at Virginia Union University. He has also taught at the University of Virginia, Longwood University, and Randolph-Macon University. In addition to the great rewards of educating university students, Esleck still finds time to work with students of all ages, from young children to seniors. He has an active studio of private students, and his recent graduates are playing at the University of Virginia, Princeton University, and on stages around the country.



Guitarist and teacher **KEVIN HARDING** has a Master's degree in guitar performance from Virginia Commonwealth University's Jazz Studies program. Before becoming a teacher he performed in Vienna, Berlin, Zurich, Ottawa and Boston nightchubs. He has also played more recently in Cuba and Brazil. In 1997, he was a guest performer at the Eighth Festival de Guitarra in Lima, Peru.

In addition to his studies at VCU, Kevin has taken lessons in West Africa on the *kora* (21 string harplute) with the Gambian *jali* (praise singer) Alhaji

Papa Susso. He has also studied privately with Brazilian master guitarists Romero Lubambo and Toninho Horta and in Rio de Janeiro with choro guitarist Bilinho Teixeira.

In 2003, Kevin founded the Richmond-based Brazilian quartet, Quatro na Bossa, with vocalist Laura Ann Singh. In addition to regular local performances, the group has played at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and two, week-long engagements at Dizzy's Club (Jazz at Lincoln Center) in Manhattan. Also in New York, Quatro na Bossa recorded their first CD for the Japanese label, Venus Records, in August 2007.

As a jazz musician, Kevin has played numerous gigs with Doug Richard's repertory jazz orchestra, The Great American Music Ensemble, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, including a two-hour, live radio broadcast from National Public Radio studio 4-A. Two of those gigs featured legendary bassist Milt Hinton; one featured Dr. Frank Foster of the Count Basie Orchestra. In smaller groups, Kevin has performed with bebop pianist Barry Harris, trumpeter Clark Terry, violinist Joe Kennedy Jr., and singer Rene Marie.

Kevin has been an adjunct professor of music at the University of Richmond since 1996, Virginia Commonwealth University since 2005, and Randolph-Macon College since 2008. He teaches performing ensembles, guitar lessons, and a variety of lecture classes.



Spring 2010

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

FREE—No Ticket Required—Camp Concert Hall *unless otherwise noted

JEREMY MCENTIRE, flute CHARLES HULIN, piano Sun., Jan. 24—3:00p

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RICHARD BECKER, piano Sun., Feb. 7-3:00p

JAZZ FACULTY ALL-STARS -MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION Wed., Feb. 17-7:30p *Ticket Required

A JOHN CAGE CELEBRATION Wed/. March 24-7:30p

> DUO PIANO RECITAL Richard Becker and Doris Wylee-Becker Sun., March 28-3:00p

STEPHEN DRURY, PIANIST Wed., April 1—7:30p *Perkinson Recital Hall

UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA Wed., April 7-7:30p

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" (HWV56) Schola Cantorum & Women's Chorale Sun., April 11—5:00p Pre-concert lecture—4:00p *Cannon Memorial Chapel

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