



Arizona State University

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FACULTY/GUEST ARTIST CONCERT SERIES

MIKE SHELLANS

PIANO

AND THE

**METRO PHOENIX JAZZ
ORCHESTRA**

EVEYLN SMITH MUSIC THEATRE

Sunday, June 24, 2001 • 7:30 p.m.

Metro Phoenix Jazz Orchestra

The Metro Phoenix Jazz Orchestra (MPJO) was founded in the Fall of 2000 by Jay Busch (Executive Director) and Mike Shellans (Artistic Director) as an outlet for classic instrumental jazz and original arrangements and compositions by local jazz musicians. This group has performed regularly at the Backstage Bistro and Velvet Room, and will be performing at Inspirations Coffee House and the Desert Botanical Garden in June.

Three members of this ten-piece group are currently on the music faculties of Arizona State University. Guitarist Chris Champion teaches jazz guitar for the main campus Jazz Department, while drummer Jay Busch teaches music survey courses at the East campus. Jay has also taught at the West campus and main campus, and will teach a night class of Popular Music for the School of Music this Fall. Pianist and arranger Mike Shellans is a Senior Lecturer with the School of Music, having taught Popular Music classes to over 20,000 students since 1983.

The Metro Phoenix Jazz Orchestra also features some of the top improvisers in the valley, such as trombonist Doug Robinson and saxophonists Tyler Isaacson and Dave Chapp. Players who also compose for the group include trumpeter James Kass and saxophonist Kevin Blatchford. Guest trumpeter Bill Maley and Bassist Kyle Nix anchor this band, with a repertoire covering Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Miles Davis, Thelonius Monk, and local artists such as Prince Shell and Fred Forney.

The MPJO looks to the Fall of 2001 as an opportunity to relocate to a performance venue in the Tempe area, and to release a CD of material featuring the current songs and personnel.

Upcoming performance schedule:

Friday, June 29th: Desert Botanical Garden –
North of the Zoo on Galvin Parkway
7-9pm – No charge

PROGRAM

Kevin Blatchford, alto saxophone, flute
Tyler Isaacson, tenor saxophone
Dave Chapp, baritone saxophone
Bill Maley, trumpet
James Kass, trumpet
Doug Robinson, trombone
Chris Champion, guitar
Mike Shellans, piano
Kyle Nix, bass
Jay Busch, drums

Selections and soloists to be announced

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In respect for the performers and those audience members around you, please turn all beepers, cell phones, watches to their silent mode. Thank you.

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