

Information

The Texas Instruments Jazz Band

In June of 1986 a summer co-op student placed a small ad in the TI company newspaper the "Dallasite." It said simply "jazz musicians wanted for big band." Within a couple of weeks there was enough response to put together the first rehearsal. The band partnered with the newly formed Collin County Community College, which opened its first campus in McKinney that same year.

The Texas Instruments Jazz Band is a non-profit organization chartered through the Texins Association at TI. Members consist of current, former, and retired TI employees supplemented with a few guests as needed.

The band has hosted a jazz museum's worth of great guest artists over the years: Clark Terry, Kurt Elling, Peter Erskine, Randy Brecker, Gregg Bissonette, Lorraine Feather, Kevin Mahogany, Frank Mantooth, Bobby Militello, Denis DiBlasio, Chris Vadala, Bobby Shew, Carol Welsman, and Marvin Stamm, to name a few.

The band has released two CDs— "Jazz Bytes—Version 1.0." and "AlgoRhythm."

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Pick up the TI Jazz Band's new CD "**AlgoRhythm**" tonight for only \$10

Scott Whitfield

Scott is rapidly gaining international recognition for his work with contemporary big bands including his own Scott Whitfield Jazz Orchestra. His arrangements have been performed and recorded by such artists as Diva, Maurice Hines, Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band, and Pete Petersen's 23-strong Collection Jazz Orchestra. The discography of Scott Whitfield includes 6 albums as leader or musical director and more than 50 recordings with other artists.

A frequent clinician and guest artist for Bach Stradivarius trombones, Whitfield has appeared throughout the world sharing his expertise on trombone technique, improvisation, composition, arranging, and jazz history. Scott received his Master's degree from The University of North Texas in Denton.

Tricia Constandine

Tricia joined TI in 2006 as a DMO55 Facilities Systems Engineer after receiving her B.S. in Chemical Engineering from UT Austin. She grew up in San Antonio, where she began taking classical piano lessons at age 8 under Russian instructor Victoria Tikhonova. She has won numerous awards, including first prize (three times) in the DeBose National Piano Competition. Tricia was honored as the youngest participant ever to be invited to the Rachmaninoff International Piano Festival in Tambov, Russia (age 12) and the Chopin Festival in Marianske Lazne, Czech Republic (age 14). At age 16 she was invited to give her first international solo concert in Monterrey, Mexico. She has performed at nursing and children's homes in San Antonio through a musical group she co-founded called LYRE.



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With our special guest:

Scott Whitfield

May 19th, 2007

TI Jazz Band Roster

Director

Kris Berg - Director of Jazz Studies at the Collin College in Plano; B.M./M.M. from UNT in Jazz Studies; composer/ arranger for Belwin Music (Alfred Publishing); owns a TI calculator

Saxes

Paul Westbrook (President and Semi-Conductor) - B.S. Mechanical Engineering; Senior Member of Technical Staff; Sustainable Development Manager; 24+ years at TI

Troy Murphy - Audio Engineering Group at TI; sub for Ron Alexander tonight

Gerry Burnham - Ph.D. Electrical Engineering; former Senior Member of the Technical Staff; retired from TI; Associate Dean of the Jonsson School of Engineering at UTD

Pavel Krocak - M.S. Electrical Engineering; Product Engineer, 21+ years at TI

Tom Hilbun (Equipment Manager) - B.S. Chemical Engineering; left TI after 6 years and became a patent attorney; spouse is still at TI

Trombones

John Bush - Formerly in HR Systems at TI for 4+ years

Billy Pirkle - Guest member; B.B.A. Management; Systems Analyst; dad used to work at TI

J.R. Hutto - Sr. Electronics Technician; DLP® Characterization Team; 21+ years at TI

Marshall Capps (Treasurer) - B.S. in Computer Engineering; TI DLP® Products organization, 3+ years at TI

Don Myers – Guest member; B.A. Communications; Audio Technician

Trumpets

Bennett Scott - Former Senior Member of the Technical Staff at TI; currently at Raytheon; one of 2 remaining founding band members

Gary Pearce (Librarian) - B.S. Electrical Engineering; former TI employee

Dennis Doane (Publicity Manager) - Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff; DLP® Test; 21+ years at TI

Fred Marinko - Guest member; owner/founder of Graytex Papers

Rhythm

Frank Locrasto (bass) - Guest member

Ron Iovine (guitar) - Software Engineer; former Tler

Scott Clemmons (piano) - Software Engineer; spouse of a TI employee

Brian Olivieri (drums) - Guest Member

Mike Ballatti (drums) - B.S. Electrical Engineering; TI DLP Test; 20+ years at TI

Members Not Appearing Tonight

Harold Davis - B.S. Electrical Engineering; Design Engineer, Battery Management Group; 7+ Years at TI

Program (to be selected from)

Piano Prelude

Tricia Constandine

Rachmaninoff

Prelude #12

Liszt

Liebestraum #3

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Come Fly

By Jimmy Van ; Arr. Bill Byers

The Gates of Tashbaan

By Kris Berg

G'Day Mates

By Scott Whitfield

Pennies from Heaven

By Arthur Johnston & Johnny Burke; Arr. Scott Whitfield

Sugar

By Maceo Pinkard & Edna Pinkard; Arr. Scott Whitfield

I'm a Romantic Sap

By Scott Whitfield

Work Song

By Nat Adderley; Arr. Scott Whitfield

A Message from the Captain

By Scott Whitfield

Teaneck

By Nat Adderley; Arr. Scott Whitfield

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