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Free Bridge Quintet 25th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, April 30, 2023

3:30 pm

Old Cabell Hall

University of Virginia

Free Bridge Quintet

John D'earth – trumpet Jeff Decker – saxophones Calvin Brown – piano Peter Spaar – bass Robert Jospé – drums

Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum

Wayne Shorter

Burt Bacharach

Wives and Lovers

The Look of Love

This Guy's in Love With You

Here, There and Everywhere

Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite

Norwegian Wood

TV Theme Songs of the 1960's

Yes and No

Wayne Shorter

Burt Bacharach

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Lennon/McCartney

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Program Notes

Good afternoon and welcome to the 25th anniversary concert of the Free Bridge Quintet! The group is delighted to present not one theme, but "themes we missed." Over the past twenty-five years, we have enjoyed presenting concerts with specific themes, the music of Ellington, Coltrane, Armstrong, Gershwin, music from Broadway, jazz influenced music of Brazil, Cuba, and Africa. We have honored decades, specific years, historic recordings. We have played the music of West Side Story, The Wizard of Oz, and even Jeffersonian America. However, over the years we have left some theme ideas on the cutting room floor. So, for our 25th anniversary concert, we are thrilled to pick up some ideas yet to be realized, songs from Hollywood, movies and television, the songs of the Beatles, Burt Bacharach and Wayne Shorter. All of these themes surely are worthy of an entire concert of their own. Today we present at least a small sampling of some of the ideas we have explored but have yet to take to the stage.

As we reminisce over the last 25 years, we cannot help but be reminded that the support of the late Marita McClymonds, longtime chair of the department, was essential to the creation of Jazz Studies at UVA. Her foresight laid the groundwork that would lead to the formation of the FBQ. Over the past twenty-five years, our hearts were consistently brightened by her presence at our concerts, even long after her retirement. Glancing up at the rafters from the stage and seeing her dance to our music with her beloved husband Clarence were certainly moments we will never forget. We are honored to dedicate this concert to her enduring legacy. And we will see them dancing.

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