You and the Night and the Music

Singing Songs from Songbooks

featuring the
Princeton University
Concert Jazz Ensemble
and the Jazz Vocal Collective

directed by Dr. Anthony D.J. Branker

Saturday
December 4, 2010
at 8:00 pm

Richardson Auditorium
in Alexander Hall
Princeton University
Program
Jazz Vocal Collective

If I Were a Bell .................................................. Frank Loesser
with Charmaine Lee

Black Coffee .................................................. Paul Francis Webster &
with Olivia Stoker Sonny Burke

I Wish You Love ............................................. Leo Chauliac, Charles Trenet
with Amali Gunawardana & Albert Beach

It Might as Well Be Spring ................................ Richard Rodgers &
with Amali Gunawardana Oscar Hammerstein

A Time For Love .............................................. Johnny Mandel &
with Charmaine Lee Paul Francis Webster

Dream a Little Dream of Me ......................... Gus Kahn, Wilbur Schwandt
with Rebecca Pottenger & Fabian Andre
arr. Vivek Mathew

Intermission
Concert Jazz Ensemble

All of Me ..................................................... Gerald Marks & Seymour Simon
arr. Billy Byers

The Touch of Your Lips ..................................... Ray Noble
arr. Michael Abene

Gentle Piece .................................................. Kenny Wheeler
with Rebecca Pottenger

I Cried For You ............................................... Arthur Freed, Gus Arneheim &
with Olivia Stoker Abe Lyman
arr. Marion Evans

Angel Eyes .................................................... Earl Brent & Matt Dennis
with Charmaine Lee arr. Doug Abrams

Mean to Me .................................................... Fred Ahlert & Roy Turk
arr. Frank Mantooth
JAZZ VOCAL COLLECTIVE

Charmaine Lee – vocals
Rebecca Pottinger – vocals
Olivia Stoker – vocals
Amali Gunawardana – vocals
Andrea Grody – vocals

Vivek Mathew – piano
Zachary Huffman – piano
Christina Laurenzi – guitar
Eric Weiser – bass
Will Kain – drums

with
Will Livengood – trumpet/flugelhorn, Mark Nagy – trombone,
Alex Bourque – alto sax

CONCERT JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Saxophones

alto 1: Alex Bourque
alto 2: David Hammer
tenor 1: Colby Pines
tenor 2: Max Simchowitz
baritone: Alejandro Van Zandt-Escobar

Trombones

lead: Peter Gustafson
2nd: Mark Nagy
3rd: Christopher Kennedy
4th: Will Mantell

Princeton University Jazz Program

Throughout the years, the Princeton University Jazz Program under the direction of Dr. Anthony D.J. Branker has sought to educate and expose the university community to the artistic and historical significance of jazz by presenting artists and repertoire that are representative of the wide spectrum of styles and conceptual approaches found throughout the music’s evolution. Students involved in jazz performance have numerous opportunities to concertize, participate in master classes, study privately, and to pursue independent projects. They also have the opportunity to participate in academic courses from the music department curriculum that encourage the study of the historical, social, theoretical, stylistic, and creative issues that pertain to the jazz idiom. In 2008, Princeton University received a $4 million gift that will enhance the study and performance of jazz, significantly expanding the university’s ability to support performances and develop innovative research and teaching in this uniquely American and broadly influential art form. As a result of this generous contribution to the development of jazz studies at Princeton, we are proud to announce the establishment of the newly created Certificate Program in Jazz Studies at Princeton University.

Presently, the ensemble program features one 17-piece big band and an ever-changing variety of small groups, which have included Jazz Composers Collective, Crossing Borders Improvisational Music Ensemble, Free to Be Ensemble, Jazz Vocal Collective, Tadd Dameron Ensemble, Horace Silver Ensemble, Old & New Stories Collective, Ralph Bowen Ensemble, Modal Ensemble, Pat Metheny Ensemble, New Voices Collective, Miles Davis Ensemble, Wayne Shorter Ensemble, Afro-Latin Ensemble, Jazz Messengers Ensemble, Ornette Coleman Ensemble, Singletet, Fusion Ensemble, Ellington/Strayhorn Ensemble, Afro-Groove Ensemble, John Coltrane Ensemble, Horace Silver Ensemble, Ensemble X, New Orleans Ensemble, Jazz Saxophone Quartet, Art Blakey Ensemble, Avant Garde Ensemble, Monk/Mingus Ensemble, Hard Bop Ensemble, Jazztet, and the Jazz Vespers Ensemble. Qualified students have the opportunity to pursue further studies in jazz performance through the Music Department’s Certificate Program in Musical Performance.

In an effort to provide ensemble members with the opportunity to learn from recognized jazz masters, Princeton’s national award-winning jazz program has been fortunate to sponsor master class residencies and
feature its ensembles in concert performances with such internationally renowned jazz artists as Clark Terry, Phil Woods, Slide Hampton, Jimmy Heath, Gilberto Gil, Jon Faddis, Conrad Herwig, Oliver Lake, Frank Foster, Benny Carter, Ted Curson, Stanley Jordan, Robby Watson, Terence Blanchard, Bob Mintzer, Ralph Peterson, Steve Nelson, Antonio Hart, Don Braden, Jacky Terrasson, Jonny King, Walt Weiskopf, Valery Ponomarev, Bryan Carrott, Michael Philip Mossman, Rick Margitza, Ralph Bowen, Mark Gross, Clifford Adams, Jeffery Smith, Guilherme Francisco, Renato Thomas, and Winston Byrd. The program has also been fortunate to feature Dr. Billy Taylor, Maria Schneider, Geri Allen, Omar Sosa, Victor Lewis, Bill Frisell, Fred Hersch, Joanne Brackeen, Roy Hargrove, Hugh Masekela, James Williams, Craig Handy, Jeremy Pelt, Gene Bertoncini, Jim Black, Bruce Williams, Scott Lee, The Respect Sextet, and Wilson “Wiggle” Turbin as guest lecturers in master class situations.

Over the years, the award-winning Concert Jazz Ensemble has dedicated itself to the performance of the historically significant music of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. They have presented such works as: The Far East Suite and New Orleans Suite with the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra; Ellington’s extended orchestral composition, A Tone Parallel to Harlem with the Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and the Princeton University Orchestra; The Sacred Concert Music of Duke Ellington with the Princeton University Chapel Choir as well as with the University Glee Club and Gospel Ensemble; the all-Strayhorn program of big band music entitled, A Lush Life: The Music of Billy Strayhorn; as well as the Ellington/Strayhorn collaborative adaptation of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite and Edward Grieg’s Peer Gynt Suites Nos. 1 & 2.

Princeton’s jazz groups have also undertaken a number of stylistically diverse and challenging projects in concert programming. They have presented such programs as “Hotter Than That: Louis Armstrong and the Early Years of Jazz” featuring music from Armstrong’s Hot Five and Hot Seven Recordings, Jelly Roll Morton and Fletcher Henderson; “Jazz and the Latin Tinge” - spotlighting classic works from the Latin jazz orchestras of Mario Bauzá, Dizzy Gillespie, Chico O’Farrill, as well as the Brazilian and Afro-Cuban based compositions of Milton Nascimento, Arturo Sandoval, Duke Ellington, and Charles Mingus; “Jazz Meets the Symphony Orchestra” with the Princeton University Orchestra featuring works by Duke Ellington, McCoy Tyner, and Clare Fischer, with orchestral arrangements by Todd Beane and Anthony Branker; and “A Love Supreme: The Spirit and Sound of John Coltrane’s Music” featuring tenor saxophonist Ralph Bowen, the world premiere of a commissioned work for big band by composer and trumpeter Michael Philip Mossman, and a performance of John Coltrane’s A Love Supreme suite.

Between 2003 and 2006, Princeton’s jazz program worked in collaboration with The Commission Project (TCP) from Rochester, New York to present new works for big band. Jazz composers who have received TCP commissions to write for the University Concert Jazz Ensemble have included Jimmy Heath, Bob Mintzer, Michael Philip Mossman, and Ralph Bowen. Of these commissioned works, Bob Mintzer’s “March Majestic” has been made available through Alfred Publishing and appears on recordings by the Bob Mintzer Big Band (Old School, New Lessons) and the Yellow jackets (Altered State), and Michael Mossman’s three-movement “John Coltrane Suite” has been performed by university and conservatory jazz programs throughout the United States and is published by RGM. Randy Bauer, a recent Ph.D. recipient and graduate of Princeton’s composition program was named the winner of an Honorable Mention Award in the 2004-2005 ASCAP Foundation Young Jazz Composers Award Competition for his composition, “Wide-Eyed Wonder.” This work was also made possible thanks to a commission from The Commission Project® and was premiered by the University Concert Jazz Ensemble in 2003. In 2007, through funding from Sons of Sound Productions, the jazz program commissioned trombonist Conrad Herwig to compose the Afro-Latin influenced “Reflections of a Man Facing South,” a suite that was premiered by the Concert Jazz Ensemble. Recently, the Concert Jazz Ensemble collaborated with the University Sinfonia and the vocal ensemble Fuma Sacra to present the world premiere of “In Another Time,” a five-movement work by composer Laurie Altman.

Princeton offers a number of outstanding jazz performance groups. The University Jazz Composers Collective recently traveled to Estonia for a series of concerts sponsored by the Department of State of the United States of America, the U.S. Embassy in Estonia, and the Estonian Academy of Music. The ensemble presented three concerts, including a performance at the Estonian Academy of Music in Tallinn, where they premiered The Eesti Jazz Suite composed by the group’s director, Dr. Anthony D.J. Branker during his fall 2005 residency as a U.S. Fulbright...
Scholar and visiting professor of music at the academy of music. The University Jazz Composers Collective also gave performances at the Geneva Night Club in the city of Narva, which was recorded for broadcast on Estonian National Radio, and at Theatre No. 99 in Tallinn where they featured two sets of original music created by students in the ensemble and were joined by Estonian jazz vocalist Kadri Voorand and guitarist Jaak Sooäär, chair of the jazz department at the academy of music. The Jazz Composers Collective was also featured in performance on Estonian National Television (ETV). In addition, the University Jazz Composers Collective traveled to Hong Kong, China in March of 2008 for a series of performances, including a night at the Vibe Jazz Club, and the University Crossing Borders Improvisational Music Ensemble collaborated with the experimental jazz quartet Amphor from the Royal College of Music in Stockholm, Sweden in concert at Princeton University.

In 1999, the University Monk/Mingus Ensemble was named winner of Down Beat magazine’s Student Music Award for “Best College Jazz Instrumental Group” and Ensemble X was selected by Down Beat as the winner of “Outstanding Performance” honors in the jazz instrumental group category in 2003. The jazz program received its third national prize from Down Beat in 2007 when pianist Julia Brav was awarded “Outstanding Performance” honors in the “Best College Jazz Soloist” category. In addition, Ms. Brav was selected to the International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE) Sisters in Jazz Collegiate All-Star Quintet and performed with the group at the IAJE 35th Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

The University Concert Jazz Ensemble has been featured in performance at the International Association for Jazz Education International Conference in Washington, D.C., the National Endowment for the Humanities Paul Robeson Institute at Rutgers University, Down Beat MusicFest U.S.A. National Finals (Oakland, California), and has received numerous awards at intercollegiate jazz festivals held at the University of Notre Dame, Villanova University, and Rowan (Glassboro) University. In addition, several students from the Concert Jazz Ensemble were named winners of prestigious “Outstanding Soloist” awards at Down Beat’s MusicFest U.S.A. National Finals and at the Notre Dame Intercollegiate Jazz Festival. The University Afro-Groove Ensemble was featured at the 2004 New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) State Conference and at the 4th Annual North Texas Jazz Festival with two members of the group receiving “Outstanding Soloist” awards. In addition, the University Jazzet has performed at the Trenton2Nite Women in Jazz Festival, the Princeton JazzFeast Jazz Festival, as well as for numerous Jazz-in-the-Schools programs in the greater Princeton area.

Princeton’s jazz program, in partnership with the Princeton Public Library, was the proud recipient of a 2006-2007 Looking At: Jazz, America’s Art Form grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center, the American Library Association and Re: New Media. The Looking At: Jazz program was dedicated to exploring the cultural and social history of jazz through the presentation of compelling documentary films, accompanied by viewing and discussion programs, essays by eminent scholars, and live performances for the community that featured the Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble, Swinget, and Afro-Latin Ensemble.

Princeton’s jazz program has also produced eleven recording projects over the past twenty years, which include Blue/Yellow Dances (Jazz Composers Collective), Expanding Horizons (Jazz Composers Collective), Yesterday: The Princeton University Jazz Program 1989-2004 compilation CD, It’s All About the Groove (Afro-Groove Ensemble & Fusion Ensemble), Sounds From The Free-Thinking (Monk/Mingus Ensemble) with guest trumpet soloist and former Mingus band member Ted Curson, Music From the Sacred Concerts of Edward Kennedy Ellington (Concert Jazz Ensemble and Chapel Choir), What’s Going On? (Ensemble X), Musique (Concert Jazz Ensemble & Hard Bop Ensemble), The Sacred Concert Music of Duke Ellington (Concert Jazz Ensemble, Glee Club and Gospel Ensemble), Mean What You Say (Concert Jazz Ensemble), and 7 Steps 2 Heaven (Concert Jazz Ensemble).

The Conductor

Dr. Anthony D.J. Branker holds the endowed chair of the Anthony H.P. Lee ’79 P11 P14 Senior Lecturer in Jazz Studies, is Founder and Director of the Program in Jazz Studies, and serves as Associate Director of the Program in Musical Performance at Princeton University, where he directs an extensive list of ensembles and teaches courses in jazz theory through improvisation & composition, jazz performance practice in historical and cultural context, jazz composition, and the evolution of jazz styles. He has served as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar and visiting
professor at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre in Tallinn, Estonia and has also been a member of the faculty at the Manhattan School of Music, Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts, Hunter College of the City University of New York, Ursinus College, and the New Jersey Summer Arts Institute. He has been honored by the United States Department of Education with a Presidential Scholars Teacher Recognition Award, the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education Distinguished Teaching Award, the International Association of Jazz Educators Award for Outstanding Service to Jazz Education, and was the recipient of the 2004 Alumni Award presented by the Association of Black Princeton Alumni. Recently, the New Jersey Association for Jazz Education honored Dr. Branker at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark by presenting him with the 2009 Jazz Education Achievement Award for “Outstanding Accomplishment in the Field of Jazz Studies and Continued Dedication to the New Jersey Jazz Education Community.”

As a conductor, Dr. Branker has had the opportunity to work with such internationally renowned artists as Clark Terry, Phil Woods, Slide Hampton, Jimmy Heath, Jon Faddis, Conrad Herwig, Oliver Lake, Frank Foster, Benny Carter, Ted Curson, Stanley Jordan, Bobby Watson, Terence Blanchard, Bob Mintzer, Ralph Peterson, Steve Nelson, Antonio Hart, Don Braden, Jacky Terrasson, Jonny King, Walt Weiskopf, Valery Ponomarev, Bryan Carrott, Michael Philip Mossman, Rick Margitza, Ralph Bowen, Mark Gross, Clifford Adams, Jeffery Smith, Guiltherme Franco, Benny Powell, Michael Cochrane, and Patience Higgins. In addition, he has collaborated with the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra and conductors Wyeliffe Gordon, Loren Schoenberg, and Cecil Bridgewater on joint big band performances of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn’s The Far East Suite and Ellington’s The New Orleans Suite at McCarter Theatre in Princeton.

Mr. Branker has also appeared as guest conductor with the Jugend Sinfonie Orchester (Bremerhaven, Germany), Israel’s Kiriya Ono Symphonic Youth Band, Japan’s Fukuji Junior Orchestra, Estonian Academy of Music Big Band (Tallinn, Estonia), Hunter Jazz Repertory Orchestra (New York), Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble, New Jersey IAJE Intercollegiate All State Jazz Ensemble, and the 2008 New Jersey All State High School Jazz Ensemble. While at Princeton, Professor Branker has led performances that have featured the Princeton University Orchestra, Symphonie, Chapel Choir, Glee Club/Concert Choir, and Gospel Ensemble, and has directed two national award-winning jazz groups, including the Monk/Mingus Ensemble, winner of the Down Beat magazine Student Music Award for “Best Jazz Instrumental Group,” and Ensemble X, recipient of a 2003 Down Beat music award for “Outstanding Performance.” In addition, the University Jazz Composers Collective has traveled to Estonia for a series of concerts sponsored by the Department of State of the United States of America, the U.S. Embassy in Estonia, and the Estonian Academy of Music, and to Hong Kong, China to perform at the Vibe Jazz Club.

As a composer, Branker has received composition prizes, commissions, served as composer-in-residence, and has had his music featured in performance at the Pori International Jazz Festival (Finland), Leningrad/St. Petersburg International Jazz Festival (Russia), Kaunas International Jazz Festival (Lithuania), Estonia International Jazz Festival (Estonia), Mt. Fuji International Jazz Festival (Japan), JVC Jazz Festival (New York); concert and club appearances in China, Russia, France, and Germany; as well as in performance at such venues as the Iridium Jazz Club, Sweet Basil Jazz Club, The Five Spot, New York’s Symphony Space, the Fez under the Time Café, Trumpets Jazz Club, Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. In addition, his music has appeared on National Public Radio, was spotlighted at the International Jazz Composers Symposium at the University of South Florida, and has been performed by the Shanghai Jazz Orchestra in Shanghai, China. His works have been performed and/or recorded by Steve Nelson, Stanley Jordan, Talib Kibwe, Conrad Herwig, Mark Gross, Curtis Lundy, James Weidman, Steve Kroon, Rick Margitza, Jann Parker, and the Spirit of Life Ensemble and have featured such guest soloists as Kenny Barron, Eddie Henderson, Winard Harper, John Hicks, Valery Ponomarev, Joe Ford, Cecil Brooks III, Onaje Allen Gumbs, Alex Blake, Sarah Jane Cion, and Benny Carter.

Professor Branker is also an Origin Records recording artist/composer and leads the group Anthony Branker & Ascend, a jazz collective formed in 2004 dedicated to the performance of new music by its founder, which has featured some of the most significant jazz artists working today. The ensemble recently released its third recording project, Dance Music, on the Origin Records label, which features performances by alto saxophonist Tia Fuller, tenor & soprano saxophonist Ralph Bowen, trombonist Clifford Adams Jr., pianist Jonny King, bassist Kenny Davis, drummer Adam Cruz, guitarist Freddie Bryant, and Estonian vocalist Kadri Voorand. The group's
first CD project *Spirit Songs* - with alto & soprano saxophonist Antonio Hart, Bowen, Adams, King, bassist John Benitez, and drummer Ralph Peterson - was released internationally in 2006 on the Sons of Sound record label and was cited by the Jazz Journalists Association as one of the “Top 10 new jazz releases for 2006” with the composition “Imani (Faith)” being named one of the “Top 10 best new compositions of the year.” *Blessings*, the collective’s second CD, which featured alto saxophonist Steve Wilson, Bowen, Adams, vibraphonist Bryan Carroll, King, bassist Belden Bullock, conguero Renato Thoms, and drummer Wilby Fletcher, was released on Origin Records, the 2009 JazzWeek “Record Label of the Year,” and was named to the First Round in the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards Balloting in the “Best Jazz Instrumental Album” category, along with Branker’s composition ‘Crystal Angel’ for “Best Instrumental Composition,” and Ralph Bowen’s soprano saxophone feature on Branker’s composition “The Holy Innocent” for “Best Jazz Instrumental Solo.”

As a trumpeter, Branker has performed and recorded with the *Spirit of Life Ensemble* - including a five-year residency at New York’s internationally renowned Sweet Basil jazz club. He has also appeared at the Pori International Jazz Festival (Finland); Leningrad/St. Petersburg International Jazz Festival (Russia); Kaunas International Jazz Festival (Lithuania); Estonia International Jazz Festival (Tartu, Estonia); JVC Jazz Festival at Sweet Basil (New York); Panasonic Village Jazz Festival (New York); as well as jazz club performances in France, Finland, Germany, Russia, and New York. In addition, he has worked in a variety of musical settings with such artists as Ted Carson, Talib Kweli, Guilherme Franco & Nova Bossa Nova, Steve Nelson, Michael Cochrane, Calvin Hill, James Weidman, Eddie Henderson, Stanley Jordan, Benny Carter, Ralph Peterson, Terence Blanchard, Big John Patton, Roscoe Mitchell, Rick Margitza, Gary Burton, the R&B group Tavares, and has performed in the critically acclaimed Off-Broadway production of *Dinah Was: The Dinah Washington Musical*.

Dr. Branker has received fellowships or grants from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board/Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies, Princeton University, and Ursinus College. He has presented research at conferences of the International Society for Music Education, College Music Society, International Jazz Composers Symposium, International Association for Jazz Education, New Jersey Music Educators Association, and the Princeton University Regional Conference – “Big Ideas: Science, Innovation, and Discovery.” He has also appeared as a guest lecturer for the Department of Pop & Jazz Music at Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia in Helsinki, Finland; Kuressaare Music Academy on the Estonian island of Saaremaa; the Pop Jazz Program at Viljandi Kultuuriakadeemia Muniskamajas in Viljandi, Estonia; National Endowment for the Humanities Paul Robeson Institute at Rutgers University; “Teachers as Scholars” program for New Jersey Educators at Princeton University; Princeton University Alumni College Seminar “New Orleans: City of Jazz” in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Plexus Institute; Drew University; and has served as program scholar for the *Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form*, a six-part documentary film viewing and discussion series at the Princeton Public Library.

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