

UNL Faculty Jazz Ensemble Featured in “Jazz Cabaret” on NET Television

LINCOLN, Neb. (June 23, 2010) -- A mix of jazz standards and original contemporary compositions performed by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s (UNL) Faculty Jazz Ensemble is featured in “Jazz Cabaret,” a new NET Television special airing Tuesday, July 6, at 8 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high-definition on NET-HD. The program also airs on NET2 on Friday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m. CT.

Delivering a showcase of jazz artistry, the UNL Faculty Jazz Ensemble is comprised of Paul Haar, saxophone; Darryl White, trumpet; Eric Richards, trombone; Peter Bouffard, guitar; Rusty White, double bass; Tom Larson, piano; and Steve Helfand, drums. Joining the septet on several songs is UNL graduate student and alto saxophonist Brandon Holloman.

Taped before a live audience in an intimate cabaret-style setting, the 30-minute “Jazz Cabaret” opens with a Bouffard-arranged performance of the George Gershwin standard “A Foggy Day,” with Holloman on alto, followed by Haar, Richards and Bouffard soloing on Hank Mobley’s soulful “Funk in Deep Freeze.”

Bouffard on guitar, White on trumpet and Richards on trombone are featured soloists on pianist Larson’s mellow original composition “Luke.” The ensemble closes out the performance with a foot-stomping, feel-good rendition of “Sweet Georgia Brown.”

“Jazz Cabaret” is a production of NET Television in collaboration with the UNL School of Music. The program is funded in part by the Nebraska Arts Council, the Elizabeth Rubendall Foundation and the Berman Music Foundation.

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