

Curt Hanrahan Biography

Curt Hanrahan holds a bachelor of music degree from UWM and a Masters degree in multiple woodwinds from University of Wisconsin, Madison and is the head of Jazz Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, teaching saxophone and directing the jazz program, a position he has held since 1990.

He founded the Lakeshore Conservatory of Music in Racine Wisconsin and has performed with the Milwaukee Symphony and has played in the Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Nelson Riddle, Harry Connick Jr., and Frank Sinatra Jr. Orchestras.

He has also worked with artists as Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney, Cab Calloway, The Arturo Sandoval Big Band, Manhattan Transfer, Doc Severinsen, Frank Sinatra Jr., Ray Charles and Johnny Mathis.

He performs regularly throughout the Milwaukee area and has performed with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Fireside Theater, Skylight Theater, and with countless national touring shows including West Side Story, Hairspray, Spamalot, The Color Purple, Dreamgirls, Legally Blonde, and Little Shop of Horrors.

Curt has recorded with Jack Grassel, Jan Garber, Nick Contorno, Jamie Breiwick and the contemporary jazz group Opus.

He has released has released three solo CDs; "Hangtime", and "To Be Again" and "Souljourney" on the Blujazz label.

Curt is deeply involved with expanding the Milwaukee jazz scene and has assisted developing a jazz network that has already created a draft strategic plan for creating more venues, fests, educational opportunities and fans in Milwaukee.

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