

Jeffery Wilson – press release – April 09

Following the release of his CD, *SEMPLICE* 'From beautiful beginnings' on the Saxophone Classics label Jeffery is embarking on one of the most creative periods of his career to date. 2009 sees him in performance, responding to commissions and enjoying revivals of his work. All of this whilst continuing his commitment to music in education on courses like '*Performance in Playing*' at Little Benslow with **Reedplay** (see below) '*Jazz and Improvisation*' at Knuston Hall and the annual '*Performance Course*' at Bath Spa University. Regular teaching as coordinator of composition at Junior Guildhall, supervisor on the music faculty at Cambridge University **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** and tutor at Colchester Institute completes the picture here.

'**Classical X – tra**' is a series of three concerts at Chelmsford's *Cramphorn Theatre* featuring the talents of young musicians at the start of their careers and each concert containing a world premiere by Jeffery. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February **Eimear McGeown** performed '**Romance**' for Flute and Piano in a programme of virtuoso wind music. '**L'Imprevu**' a trio of Cambridge graduates who performed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April with their 'ink still wet' approach to repertoire including Jeffery's '**Recitatives and Aria**'. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May '**Dances of Salome**' is premiered by the stunning Saxophonist **Jane Elston**. Box office 01245 606505 Jeffery plays Tenor Sax in '**Saxology**' the Essex based Saxophone Quartet and this year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their formation. Fiona Dermit, Denis Hill, Tracey Bridgeman and Jeffery remain good friends despite lasting longer than some marriages! They appeared at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May where 'Saxology' premiered 'Carrick – a – rede' by Susie Self. An anniversary CD is planned for this year too featuring Jeffery's own 'AAJA' dedicated to the children of the players. Details about the above and gigs from Fiona on 01621 852844

Other commissions include a piece called '**The Art of War**' for the *Junior Guildhall Brass Band*, a Clarinet Quartet for '**Exchanging Blows**' called '**Circus Acts**' a '**Pavan and Galliard**' for the '**Yorkshire Sax Choir**' and a new piece for Tenor Sax and piano called '**Iconic Sonata**' for Jeffery's own shared recital at the *Purcell Room* in London next season.

The 'Hertfordshire Youth Jazz Orchestra' rehearsed Jeffery's own 'Young Person's Guide to the Jazz Orchestra' in February with the composer conducting and they visit Chelmsford for it's UK premiere in October.

Jeffery is very excited about the visit to the UK of **Henk Alkema** from Holland since Jeffery and Henk go back a long way as friends and musical partners. Hear them at the Cramphorn Theatre on Wednesday lunchtime the 24<sup>th</sup> of June Henk's lecture at the Guildhall School on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March last was a blast!

'The Reduced History of Jazz' The Jeffery Wilson Band featuring the amazing Trombone of Mark Bassey and the stunning Trumpet and Piano of Peter Marshall. At the Cramphorn Theatre on 26<sup>th</sup> of June and St Katherine's Foundation in London on July the 5<sup>th</sup>.

'Reedplay' are Victoria Soames Samek, Tim Watts and Jeffery Wilson and the 26<sup>th</sup> of April sees them at Little Benslow in Herts for a one day course entitled 'Performance in Playing'

For details of the above and other music events

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Saxophone Classics ... [www.saxophoneclassics.com](http://www.saxophoneclassics.com)

Little Benslow ... <http://www.benslow.org/residential-music-courses.php>

Knuston Hall ... <http://www.knustonhall.org.uk/>

Performance Course ... [www.performancecourse.co.uk](http://www.performancecourse.co.uk)

Classical X – Tra ... <http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=16355>

Saxology ... <http://saxologyquartet.com/>

Guildhall School of Music & Drama ... <http://www.gsmd.ac.uk/juniors/>

Yorkshire Sax Choir ... <http://www.yorkshiresaxchoir.co.uk/>

Henk Alkema ... <http://web.mac.com/halkema/iWeb/henk%20alkema/welkom.html>

Reedplay ... <http://www.victoriasoamesamek.com/reedplay.htm>