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GENERATIONS IN JAZZ: A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COMPOSER AND PIANIST JOHN HARMON

Special Guest Artist
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 | 8 p.m. | Lawrence Memorial Chapel
GENERATIONS IN JAZZ: A TRIBUTE TO JOHN HARMON

Guest Artist John Harmon ’57 with the Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble and Members of the Lawrence Jazz Faculty

Patty Darling, Director

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PROGRAM

Time of the Badger ......................................................... John Harmon
Tim Albright, trombone

Night of the August Moon .............................................. Harmon
John Daniel, flugelhorn and John Harmon, piano

Bottoms Up ................................................................. Harmon
Marty Erickson, tuba

Improvisation
Matt Turner, cello
John Harmon, piano

Sundowner ................................................................. Harmon
Janet Planet, vocals
Mark Urness, bass
John Harmon, piano
Dane Richeson, drums

Half a Bubble Off ......................................................... Harmon
arr. Matt Turner
John Harmon, Bill Carrothers, piano

El Tigre ........................................................................ Harman
Ricardo Jimenez, vocals
Larry Darling, trumpet
José Encarnación, flute and tenor sax
John Harmon, piano
Randy Tico, Matrix bassist
Dane Richeson, drums

Earth, Sun and Eagle .................................................... Harman
John Harmon, piano and Steve Peplin, guitar

Encore: I Raise My Glass to You ...................................... Harman
Janet Planet, vocals and John Harmon, piano

John Harmon’s deep interest in nature, environmental issues, and Native American culture provides inspiration for much of his work. His compelling need to raise awareness of Native American culture inspired him to write three symphonies: The Legend of SuAnne Big Crow (2016), Wounded Knee (2015), and Crazy Horse (2013). The latter was recorded by the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra (Daniel Black, conductor,) and released in 2016. John is currently finishing his fourth symphony based on events at Standing Rock.

John began the jazz studies program at Lawrence University and later was founder and leader of the award-winning jazz nonet Matrix. A native of Oshkosh and graduate of Lawrence University, John studied with Belgian composer Henri Pousseur at State University of New York in Buffalo and was a private student of world-renowned jazz pianist Oscar Peterson.

He is artistic director for the Fox Jazz Fest and the concert series Jazz at the Trout, teaches at a summer jazz fantasy camp at Björklunden, and is composer-in-residence at the Red Lodge Music Festival in Montana.

Prestigious recognition includes: an honorary doctorate from Lawrence University; appointment as a Fellow of the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters; Distinguished Service Awards from both the Wisconsin School Music Association and the International Association of Jazz Educators; induction into the Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) Hall of Fame; and a guest appearance on the NPR program Marian McPartland’s Piano Jazz.

A prolific composer and jazz pianist for more than 60 years, John has been dubbed “Wisconsin’s gentle poet of jazz.”
LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

REEDS
Jack Breen, alto and soprano saxophones
Linder Wendt, alto saxophone
Sam Pratt, tenor saxophone
Miles Allen, tenor saxophone
Shasta Tresan, baritone saxophone, piccolo

TRUMPETS
Ricardo Jimenez
Devyn Gay
Aidan Sponheim
Izzy Yellen
Rachel Lewis

TROMBONES
Justin Coyne
Chris Williams
Laura Van Asten
Aidan Kronmiller, bass trombone

RHYTHM SECTION
Jack Kilkelly-Schmidt, guitar
Matt Blair, piano
Jakob Heinemann, bass
Jeremiah Lemke-Rochon, drums
Koby Brown, drums and vibes

ADDITIONAL PERFORMERS (HORNS)
Nicoletta Pignatello
Bryn Rourke
Zach Prior
John O’Neill

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:
John and Linda Harmon
José Encarnación
John Daniel
Marty Erickson
Dane Richeson
Mark Urness
Bill Carrothers
Janet Planet
Matt Turner
Tim Albright
Steve Peplin
Larry Darling
Jillian Johnson
Alvina Tan