

The Jazz Alliance and the Big Band Music of Buddy Rich

Featuring Dave Albert, Drums

*Jones Auditorium
Meredith College
November 4, 2007
7:30 pm*

About the Jazz Alliance

The Jazz Alliance is a 17-piece big band organized in 2005 in Raleigh, North Carolina by saxophonist Bill Atchley. The band was organized to provide a mechanism for jazz musicians to regularly perform challenging classical and contemporary big band jazz compositions and arrangements. The band is the Jazz Group In-Residence at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina where it gives regular concerts. More information can be found on the band's web page at www.jazz-alliance.com.



The Concert

Tonight's concert features the big band music of legendary jazz drummer, Buddy Rich. Immensely talented, Rich played with remarkable creativity and dexterity throughout a jazz career that spanned seven decades. Buddy Rich's bands always included highly talented musicians who gave meticulous performances of difficult and diverse arrangements. Buddy Rich's band always swung hard.

The program includes a number of signature pieces from the Rich band library. Drummer Dave Albert, who mentored with Buddy Rich, is featured in tonight's concert. He is the Chair of the Arts Department of Leesville Road High School in Raleigh.

There will be limited announcements from the band stand during tonight's performance.

The Jazz Alliance thanks Meredith College for providing rehearsal and performance space. Dr. David Lynch and Jeanette Rogers have greatly facilitated our efforts at Meredith. Bill Brown and Cailen Waddell provided much assistance with the actual concert.

Program

Tunes and soloists

Love for Sale (Albert, Ingram, Thigpen, Brink)

Groovin' hard (Ingram)

Prelude to a Kiss

Senator Sam Spinelli, Leipzig, Rogers, Thigpen, Leonard, Lamb, Ingram

Big Swing Face (Brink, Rogers, Atchley)

Best Coast (Ingram)

Straight No Chaser (Lamb, Ingram, Rogers, Davis, Albert)

Intermission

Ya Gotta Try (Ingram, Lamb)

Lush Life (Thigpin, Mason)

Mexicali Nose (Ingram)

Stella by Starlight (Brink, Bass, Albert)

Channel One Suite (Ingram, Leonard, Rogers, Albert)

Band Personnel

Leader: Bill Atchley

Saxophones: Tom Leonard, Bill Atchley, Glen Ingram, Peter Lamb, Ted Thompson

Trombones: Joel Leipzig, Henry Mason, Bob Gregory, George Ellwanger

Trumpets: Jerry Bowers, Eddie Thigpen, Paul Rogers, Lee Davis, Ray Doyle,

Rhythm: Greg Brink (piano), John Bass (bass), Dave Albert (drums), James Spinelli (guitar)