

Mike Steinel's
LONE STAR JAZZ QUINTET
 Featuring ROSANA ECKERT and PAT COIL
 with JEFFRY ECKELS on Bass, and STEVE BARNES on Drums

The Lone Star Jazz Quintet is as unique and multi-faceted as the state from which it hails. Its program includes original music by Mike Steinel, Rosana Eckert, and Pat Coil as well as standard repertoire from the number of jazz traditions: soul/fusion, west coast cool, New Orleans Second Line, hard bop, and vocal standards from the "Great American Songbook".

Lone Star's leader Mike Steinel states: "I feel our music has a strong blues-tinged Southwest personality. Like the food from our part of the country it's a blend of many flavors. It's melodically straightforward with a robust rhythmic foundation, yet there is enough nuance and complexity to keep it interesting. We enjoy making music that 'moves' and makes our audience want to move. Jazz was born in New Orleans but it grew up right here where we live now." Steinel (trumpet and flugelhorn), Eckert (vocals), and Coil (piano) all teach at the University of North Texas, the pioneer institution in the jazz education field since the late 1940s. The rhythm section is completed by Jeffrey Eckels (bass) and Steve Barnes (drums).



Mike Steinel is a jazz trumpeter, pianist, composer, and educator who has been a member of jazz faculty at the University of North Texas since 1987. Steinel is most well known as the author of *Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble*, a popular jazz band method used by young musicians around the world. Mike has performed throughout the US, Canada, Europe and in South Africa with a long list of artists including: Ella Fitzgerald, Don Ellis, Clark Terry, Zoot Sims, Frank Wess, Jimmy Cobb, Peter Erskine, Rich Matteson, Frank Mantooth, Vic Juris, Bob Belden, Jerry Coker, Tim Hagans, Bobby Shew, Ed Soph, Dan Haerle, Marvin Stamm, Lyle Mayes and many more.

Mike has recorded with the Rosewood Trio, The Chicago Jazz Quintet, the Frank Mantooth Orchestra, and the Michael Waldrop Big Band. He is the founder and director of the UNT Jazz Combo Workshop and has served as the Co-Chair of the Jazz Advisory Panel for the National Endowment for the Arts.

Rosana Eckert is an internationally recognized live and studio vocal artist, songwriter, arranger, jazz educator, and voice over talent based in Dallas, TX. As a vocal artist, she has recorded four solo CDs and performs regularly throughout the United States and Canada. She has had the pleasure of performing with such jazz greats as Lyle Mays, Kenny Wheeler, George Duke, Jon Faddis, Marvin Stamm, and Bobby McFerrin. She recently toured Europe and Scandinavia with the Grammy Award-winning New York Voices. Her debut CD, *At the End of the Day*, was praised as "an occasion for celebration" by AllAboutJazz.com and "a superior debut" by Cadence Magazine, and was a finalist for Best New Jazz Album in the 2006 Independent Music Awards. Her latest CD, *Small Hotel*, once again showcases her unique skill as a songwriter and arranger. *Small Hotel* features guest appearances by trumpeter Marvin Stamm and bassist Christian McBride.



Pat Coil was born in Jefferson City, Missouri and is a pianist, composer, arranger, and programmer. His talent spans the musical spectrum of jazz, pop, R&B, gospel, and country. He has performed concert performances on piano, synth, and organ with: Woody Herman, Carmen McRae, Michael McDonald, Barbra Streisand, Larry Carlton, Pat Metheny, Ernie Watts, Kenny Loggins, Olivia Newton John, Vince Gill, Patti LaBelle, Michael W Smith, George Strait, The London Symphony, Take Six, Faith Hill, Bette Midler, Scott Henderson, Kenny Rogers, Amy Grant, Clark Terry, Alphonze Mouzon, Christopher Cross, Jeff Coffin, Marina McBride, Liza Minelli, The Nashville Symphony, Little Richard, Barry Manilow, Whitney Houston, Tom Harrell, Trisha Yearwood, John Pattiucci, Billy Preston, Mark Murphy, Kirk Whalum, Diana Ross, Joe Williams, Stan Getz, Bob Mintzer, and more. His studio work has included TV shows and sound track recordings for hundreds of shows such as Sesame Street, Deep Space Nine, Alf, China Beach, Caddyshack, Alien Nation, Spencer for Hire, Pink Cadillac, Dallas, and Falcon Crest to name just a few. Pat has released six CDs as a leader. His most recent are *Bird House* and *True North*.

Jeffrey Eckels is a world-class bassist who presently lives in the Dallas area. Prior to moving to the South, Jeffrey was the bassist for the popular NPR quiz show: *Whad'Ya Know?*. He has performed with a number of jazz greats including: Richie Cole, Ernie Watts, Tom Scott, Scott Henderson, and John Abercrombie. Drummer Steve Barnes recently relocated to Texas after many years in the Los Angeles area working with jazz artists such as Diane Schure, Sonny Stitt, Bud Shank, and more.