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presents

Free Bridge Quintet

FREE BRIDGE HALLOWEEN

Friday, October 27, 2023

8:00 pm

Old Cabell Hall

University of Virginia

Free Bridge Quintet

John D'earth – trumpet
Jeff Decker – saxophones
Calvin Brown – piano
Peter Spaar – bass
Robert Jospé – drums

The Witch Doctor Lee Morgan

Devil May Care Bob Dorough

Dance Cadaverous Wayne Shorter

A Call for All Demons Sun Ra

Haunted Ballroom Victor Feldman

Medley:

I Don't Stand a Ghost of a Chance with You/ Young, Crosby, Washington
Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered Rogers and Hart

Witch Hunt Wayne Shorter

Devilette Dexter Gordon

Program Notes

Want a fun exercise in the power of music to make you feel something? Put on the scariest movie scene you can imagine (*Psycho*, *The Shining*, *The Exorcist*, etc.), turn the volume off and put on music from *Looney Tunes*. Chances are you'll never think that scene is scary again. Perhaps more than any other art form, music has powers to make you feel things that are unexplainable. No poetry to tell you what to feel, no visuals to prompt feels of doom or terror. But Bach's *Tocatta & Fuge in D minor* conjures feelings of dread that are hard to deny.

Jazz musicians since the beginning have had enormous fun with the sounds of the spooky and mysterious. Louis Armstrong joined up with Jimmy Dorsey and his Orchestra to release a spirited short movie of "Skeleton in the Closet" in 1936. "Don't you go in there! Come outta there! Don't you know that house is haunted?"

Tonight, as we approach All Hallows' Eve, the *Free Bridge Quintet* will have goose bumps and spines tingling with eerie delight as we present a small collection of songs inspired by the mysterious and macabre. Rather than being frozen in fear with our blood running cold from the willies, we've conquered the heebie-jeebies associated with this creepy time of year to revel in the sounds of this ghoulish season. Instead, we implore you to heed Dracula's advice to Renfield, upon hearing the howls of distant wolves, "Listen to them! Children of the night. What music they make!"

— FBQ

Upcoming Jazz Events

Jazz Small Groups

Sunday, November 12, 7:00pm
Old Cabell Hall

Jazz Ensemble Concert

Friday, November 17, 8:00pm
Old Cabell Hall

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