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Guest Artist Recital Series

Derek Brown, Saxophone

Kemp Recital Hall
September 13, 2017
Wednesday Evening
7:30 p.m.

This is the fourth program of the 2017-2018 season.
Program

Please silence all electronic devices for the duration of the concert. Thank you.

Selections will be announced from the stage

Saxophone innovator Derek Brown’s unique playing style, using creative, new “beatbox-like” techniques, has wowed audiences across the globe. Previously the director of jazz studies at Abilene Christian University for six years, Derek now lives and performs in Chicago, USA, playing in various bands and projects around the area and throughout the world. His recent BEATBoX SAX music videos and weekly tutorials on YouTube have been very popular among saxophonists and music lovers alike (over 5 million total views), leading to endorsements with Legere, JodyJazz, P.Mauriat, BG, and AKG. Recent festival performances include appearances in China, Germany, France, Russia, Poland, UK, Norway, Brazil, Malaysia, Taiwan, Latvia, Serbia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, and throughout the U.S.

As described by jazz journalist/historian Scott Yanow, "Brown performs unaccompanied solos that occasionally make one recall Bobby McFerrin in his early prime and the great saxophonist Eddie Harris . . . utilizing slap-tonguing, circular breathing, a wide interest in musical styles and dazzling coordination to create rather unique music."

Derek endorses P. Mauriat saxophones, Legere reeds, JodyJazz mouthpieces, BG ligatures, and AKG microphones.