

Rob Smith, associate professor of Music-Jazz Studies at Central Michigan University (CMU), graduated from CMU in 1986. He earned a master of music in jazz studies degree from The University of North Texas, where he performed in the world-renowned One O'clock Lab Band. Most recently, Smith held a faculty position at The University of North Carolina-Greensboro, the Miles Davis Jazz Studies Program. He has also taught at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, Canada, Michigan State University, Mott Community College,

Interlochen Arts Academy, and CMU. Smith performs regularly on trumpet and saxophones as a freelance artist and has performed and recorded with several notable groups including: The Woody Herman Jazz Orchestra, The Kirk MacDonald Quintet, the Kirk MacDonald Jazz Orchestra, and The Steve Haines Quintet.

In 2005 he toured with Terri Lyne Carrington, James Genus, Paul Bollenbeck, Munyungo Jackson, Mitch Forman, Nancy Wilson and Dianne Reeves in a tribute to Billie Holiday. The group performed concerts at USC, UCLA, Penn State University, Byham Theater-Pittsburgh, Chicago Symphony Hall, Carnegie Hall and The Kennedy Center. Smith has performed with many notable jazz artists, including: Rufus Reid, Randy Brecker, David Liebman, Bob Berg, Adam Nussbaum, Joe Morello, Frank Tiberi, Cyrus Chestnut, Buddy DeFranco, Marcus Belgrave, George Benson, Phil Markowitz, Phil Woods, Rodney Whitaker, Mulgrew Miller, Kareem Riggins, Jon Faddis, Frank Foster, Jerry Fuller, Ira Sullivan, Neil Swainson, Pat LaBarbara, Lorne Lofsky, Kenny Wheeler, John Taylor, Xavier Davis, Charles Earland, Jimmy Smith, Jack McDuff, and many others. He has performed at concert venues and jazz festivals in England, Scotland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain, Canada and the United States.

Ferris State University Music Center



featuring

ROB SMITH

February 29, 2012 8:00 p.m. Rankin Center Dome Room

Jazz Program

53rd Street Shlide Mike Dana
Solos: Sam Whitaker, Rob Reed, Josh Page, Greg Beers
Hit the BricksGordon Goodwin
Solos: Josh Bisanz, Kurt Melville, Sam Pierce
St. Louis Bluesarranged by Michael Sweeney
Solos: Paula Getzmeyer, Greg Beers, Doug Reed, Sam Whitaker, Rob Reed
The Preacherarranged by Carl Stommen
Solos: Paula Getzmeyer, Doug Reed, Josh Bisanz
Stella by HollandJames Miley
Solos: Eric Watson, Rob Smith
Kids are pretty peopleThad Jones
Solo: Rob Smith
Oye Como Vaarranged by Bob Mintzer
Solos: Rob Reed, Eric Watson, Robbie Hickson, Rob Smith

FSU Jazz Band

Matt Moresi, Director Rob Smith, Special Guest

Flute Ali Ortiz

Saxophone
Andrea Wood
Sam Whitaker
Josh Bisanz
Eric Watson
Marie Williams

Trumpet

Kurt Melville Paula Getzmeyer Josh Page Robbie Hickson Megan YuhaszPratt

Trombone Robert Reed Kyle Lilly Tanner Page Luke Barnard

Rhythm Section Sam Pierce - Guitar Doug Reed - Piano Zach Potter - Bass

Jordan Rummel –Drums Kyle Shell - Drums