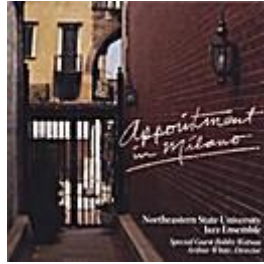


# Mp3 Nsu Jazz Ensemble With Bobby Watson - Appointment In Milano



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Large jazz ensemble album of all-new arrangements and compositions featuring swing, and fusion tunes with special guest saxophonist/composer Bobby Watson. 10 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Big Band, JAZZ: Jazz Fusion Details: The Northeastern State University Jazz Studies Program has released the second CD by the NSU Jazz Ensemble, Appointment in Milano. The album, featuring original music by NSU faculty and students, along with a legendary jazz performer, builds on the success of the critically acclaimed debut CD Hour of the Pearl. Bobby Watson, long regarded as one of the top jazz musicians in the world, returned to NSU to be featured as guest artist on the album. Watson, a Lawrence, Kansas-native who now is the Distinguished Professor of Jazz Studies at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, has a long and distinguished career as a performer, composer and educator. Watson was musical director for Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers for many years, and has led various incarnations of his top selling group Horizon. He has recorded over 90 albums, 26 as a leader, with some of the most recognizable names in jazz, including Wynton Marsalis, Max Roach, Joe Williams and Lou Rawls. Watson has numerous Grammy nominations under his belt as well. This CD is only the beginning of many good things to come from NSU Jazz. I have heard the band grow tremendously in just the one year of my association with the band under Arthurs leadership, Watson said. The album also features the NSU Jazz Ensemble I, the flagship ensemble of the NSU Jazz Studies Program, under the direction of Arthur White. The album highlights the debut of brand new original compositions and arrangements by White, Watson, and NSU Jazz Studies students Bradley Spears, Tracy Patterson, Aaron Hollon and Cory Martin. Arthur inspires creativity and personal expression from his students, which are the hallmarks of jazz and jazz education, and is evidenced by the wonderful student arrangements

included on this CD, as well as Arthurs splendid arrangements of my compositions, Watson said. For White, this new album is going to turn many heads and create new fans of NSU Jazz. Having the presence of Bobby Watson on this recording really elevated the performance of the band. People are going to be amazed by the result, said White. Watson was particularly impressed with the recording session. It was my extreme pleasure to perform with the students on this recording and I want to congratulate them on a job well done. I am certain that people will enjoy the fresh sounds found on this CD, Watson said. The NSU Jazz Ensemble will hold their CD release party/concert Thursday Sept. 14, at 8 p.m., in the NSU Jazz Lab, with a reception following the concert. All proceeds from the sale of the record will support NSU Jazz Studies.

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