THE TEMPLE JA22 ORCHESTRA



TJO at the Montreux Jazz Festival, Montreux, Switzerland, July 2009

The **Temple Jazz Orchestra**, founded and directed by **Thomas Fairlie**, is in residence at Temple College, in Temple, Texas. Established in 1990, **TJO**

emerged from the natural growth of the jazz program at Temple College. What began as a collaboration of students and adult musicians from the area has metamorphosed into the premier jazz ensemble in central Texas.



TJO director Tom Fairlie

TJO now boasts the best professional jazz musicians and educators from Temple and the surrounding areas, including Waco, Killeen, Belton, Austin, San Antonio, Round Rock and other communities. TJO members are committed to jazz education, performance and scholarship, and serve as clinicians and adjudicators, directing other ensembles or performing with their own groups.

The Temple Jazz Orchestra, its members, and/ or small ensembles that have spun off from the group have received recognition at several nationally known jazz festivals, including the UNC Greeley Jazz Festival, the Loyola University (New Orleans) Jazz Festival, the Sam Houston State Jazz Festival and others. The featured band at the final concert of the Temple Jazz Festival since 1991, TJO has performed with Marvin Stamm, Bob Mintzer, Russell Ferrante, Eric Marienthal, Allen Vizzuti, Bill Watrous, John Fedchock, Kevin Mahogany, Gary Foster, Ernie Watts, Lew Soloff, Ed Shaughnessy, Eddie Daniels, Frank Mantooth, Wayne Bergeron, Gordon Goodwin, Randy Brecker, Bryan Lynch, Conrad Herwig, Ed Calle, and others.

TJO has also shared the stage on several occasions with the Temple Symphony Orchestra. The Temple Jazz Orchestra performed with Bill Watrous at the IAJE Convention in New York City on Jan. 12, 2007. TJO played a series of concerts in Europe (including the legendary Montreux and North Sea jazz festivals) in July 2009; at their North Sea appearance they were joined by Randy Brecker. TJO returned to Europe in 2012, playing at Montreux, Jazz a Vienne, and Vienna's Reigen Jazz Club among other venues.

The **Temple Jazz Orchestra** has recorded a total of five CDs. Its first compact-disc recording, "Soft Lights and Sweet Music, Live," was released to critical acclaim in the spring of 2001. **TJO's** second CD, "Bill Watrous Live with the Temple Jazz Orchestra," was released on Oct. 3, 2004, and its third CD, "This Is TJO," featuring original works by several band members, was released in March 2006.



TJO's Light Up The Night

TJO's fourth CD,
"Temple Jazz Ochestra Featuring Gordon Goodwin,"
was released in September 2008. The most recent
CD, "Light Up The Night,"
featuring Bill Watrous,
was released in November 2009.