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Musician/Composer/Educator/Producer

OBJECTIVE: To perpetuate a true positive mode of human life and create a fulfilling Environment for all through music

INSTRUMENTS: (Major) Acoustic and Electric Bass/Voice

COMPOSING/ARRANGING

EXPERIENCE: Commission-Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra/Bart Weisman Klezmer Swing Group-Hanukkah Suite 2012
Commission-Springfield Symphony Orchestra-Holiday Pops, arrangements of holiday pieces for Avery Sharpe' Extended Family Choir, Symphony Chorus and Symphony Orchestra 2011
Commission-Springfield Symphony Orchestra- for Avery Sharpe' Extended Family Choir-for 350 year anniversary of Springfield,MA.
Commission-Springfield Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops, arrangements of holiday pieces for Avery Sharpe' Extended Family Choir, Symphony Chorus and Symphony Orchestra 2009
Commission-Springfield Symphony Orchestra "Rhythm in Red, White and Blues" concerto for Jazz Trio and Orchestra. Featuring: Kevin Eubanks(Tonight Show's musical director and Marvin"Smitty" Smith. World Premier Spring 2007
Commission-Springfield Symphony Orchestra "America's Promise" Great American Educators" for Orchestra, Gospel Choir and Jazz Quintet
Commission-Springfield Arts Festival 1996 "Celebration of Family, Community and the Life of Primus Mason"- for Chamber Orchestra, Gospel Choir and Jazz QT.
Commission-Chamber Music Plus/Fideleo 1)"Henry F. William's Suite" for Classical Trio 2) "Trust" for Classical Quartet 3) "Oscar Pettiford Suite" for Jazz Trio and Cello 4) "Raisin' Cane"-a musical portrait for trio and actor, featuring Jasmine Guy
Film Score-"An Unremarkable Life" (starring Patricia Neal and Shelly Winters)
Film Score-"Lydia" (starring Jenny Chrisinger)
CD recording-"Sojourner Truth-Ain't I A Woman"-Avery Sharpe
CD recording-"Running Man"- Avery Sharpe
CD recording-"Avery Sharpe Trio Live"
CD recording- "Autumn Moonlight"-Avery Sharpe
CD recording- "Legends and Mentors"-music of McCoy Tyner, Archie Shepp and Yusef Lateef
CD recording- "Dragon Fly"-Avery Sharpe
CD recording- "Extended Family"-Avery Sharpe
CD recording- "Extended Family II-Thoughts of My Ancestors-Avery Sharpe
CD recording- "Extended Family III-Family Values"-Avery Sharpe
CD recording- "Epic Ebony Journey"-John Blake/Avery Sharpe Duo
CD recording- "McCoy Tyner Latin AllStars"-McCoy Tyner
CD recording- "Zeus"-Jeri Brown
CD recording- "Journey" McCoy Tyner Big Band *GrammyAward Winner
CD recording- "Just Feeling" McCoy Tyner
CD recording- "Twinkling of an Eye"-John Blake
CD recording- "Fresh Start"-Jeri Brown
CD recording- "Young Lions Kool Jazz Festival"-Wynton Marsales, Bobby McFerrin and various artist
Litchfield Jazz Camp- Bass ensemble
Williams College Gospel Choir
Williams College Jazz Ensembles

Jazz In July-UMASS-Bass ensemble
University of Massachusetts-Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Concordia University- Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Amherst College- Jazz Ensemble
Classical High Jazz Band
Allentown High Jazz Band

PERFORMANCE

EXPERIENCE: Avery Sharpe Group
McCoy Tyner Trio(member 18 years)
George Benson
Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers
Cab Callaway
Freddie Hubbard
Archie Shepp
Dizzy Gillespie
Young Lions of Jazz(which included) Wynton Marsalis, Bobby McFerrin, Kevin Eubanks,Ronnie Burrage, John Blake,Chico Freeman, James Newton,John Purcell, Paquito D'Rivera,Hamiet Bluiett,Craig Harris, Abdul Wadud,Jay Hoggard,Anthony Davis,Fred Hopkins and Daniel Ponce

KEYNOTE

PERFORMANCES:

Athens Greece-Avery Sharpe Group
Cali Columbia-Avery Sharpe Group
Lima Peru-Avery Sharpe Group
Brasilia Brazil-Avery Sharpe Group
Springfield, MA. -Avery Sharpe Group, Extended Family Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Melbourne Australia-McCoy Tyner
St. Louis Senegal-with McCoy Tyner
JVC Jazz Festivals- (various around USA and Europe with McCoy Tyner and Michael Brecker

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS and

CLINICS: Williams College- Sterling Brown Visiting Professor of Music
Williams College-Small Jazz Ensemble Coach and Artist Associate in Jazz Bass
Jazz in July-(ensembles and master classes) University of Massachusetts
Williams College-Big Band adjudicator
University of Mass- Revolutionary Concepts in African-American Music
Concordia University-Montreal, Canada -composition/arranging
Litchfield Jazz Camp-Litchfield,CT.-Jazz Theory, ensemble coach, master bass clinics
Jazz In July- University of Massachusetts- Ensemble coach, master bass clinics
Residency- Community Music School Springfield, MA. Sponsored by Chamber Music America
S. Melbourne Australia
Bogota Columbia University -History of Jazz
Lima Peru
Brasilia Brazil
Berklee School of Music-Bass Clinic
Hampshire College
Bates College
Univ. of Miami-Bass Clinic
Howard Univ.
Duke Ellington School of Music-Wash. DC-History of Jazz
Springfield School Systems-History of Jazz
Boston School Systems
Drummer Collective-N.Y.C.-Bass Clinic
Concord Community School-Concord NH.

SPECIAL
PROJECTS:

National Endowment for the Arts- Inter-Arts Panelist, 1990 and 1993
Meet the Composer-Panelist 1997
American Composers Forum-Panelist 1998
Connecticut Arts Council-Panelist-composers 2002
Rhode Island Arts Council-Panelist-composers 2004
Residencies sponsored by Chamber Music America-2008 and 2010
Produced/ administered 6-hour video program for Springfield, MA. cable TV,
"Springfield's Finest Jazz and Blues Greats". Live performances, interviews and
historical perspective of Springfield, MA. Jazz and Blues Musicians. Included
Phil Woods, Taj Mahal, Charles Greenlee, Avery Sharpe and others.

AWARDS:

NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. Special Achievement Award
New England Foundation for the Arts "Achievement In Jazz Award" 1997

GRANT AWARDS:

Chamber Music America Residency Award- 2008 and 2010
Received matching fund special projects-Rouse Arts in the Marketplace and
National Endowment for the Arts for 1983,1984,1985,1987,1988
Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grants-1985,1986
National Endowment for the Arts-Performance Grants- 1981 and 1983

RECORDING:

As a Leader
"Sojourner Truth-Ain't I A Woman"-JKNM Records
"Running Man"- JKNM Records
"Avery Sharpe Trio Live"- JKNM Records
"Autumn Moonlight"-JKNM Records
"Legends and Mentors-music of McCoy Tyner, Archie Shepp and Yusef Lateef
JKNM Records
"Dragon Fly"-JKNM Records
"Extended Family III-Family Values"-JKNM Records
"Extended Family II-Thoughts of My Ancestors-JKNM Records
"Extended Family"-JKNM Records
"Epic Ebony Journey"-Sharpe/Blake Duo-JKNM Records
"Unspoken Words"- Sunnyside Records
With McCoy Tyner
"McCoy Tyner and the Latin AllStars" -Telarc Records
"Infinity"-Impulse Records *Grammy Award Winner
"Journey"-Verve Records *Grammy Award Winner
"Turning Point"-Verve Records *Grammy Award Winner
"Remembering John"-Enja Records
"Blue Bossa"-LRC LTD
"Double Exposure"-LRC LTD
"Live at the Musician Exchange Cafe"-Allegiance Records
"Solar"-Sweet Basil/Alfa Record
"Key of Sol"-Sweet Basil/Alfa Records
"Live at Sweet Basil" I and II- King Records
"Uptown/Downtown Big Band-Live at the Blue Note-FantasyRecord
"Bon Voyage"-McCoy Tyner/Avery Sharpe/Louis Hayes-Vim Vigt
"Double Trios"-Denon Records
"Just Feeling"-Palo Alto Records
"New York-Montreau Connection"-Columbia Records
"(La Leyenda de la Hora)"The Legend of the of the Hour Columbia Records
With Frank Morgan-"Frank's Back"-Contemporary Records
With Archie Shepp-"The Good Life"-Varick Records
"Attica Blues-Live at Palais des Glaces"-Blue Marge Record
With John Blake-"Twinkling of an Eye"-Grammavision
With David Matthews-"Jazz Ballads with Strings"-Alfa Records
With Steve Grossman-"In New York"-Disques Dreyfus
With Vacca/Moran-"Dance Beneath the Diamond Sky"-Columbia Records
With Jeri Brown-"Fresh Start"-Just In Time Records

“Zeus”-Just In Time Records
“I’ve Got Your Number”- Just In Time Records
Tryptec”-Just In Time Records
“ Firm Roots”-Just In Time Records
With Marc Puricelli-"The Shade"-Music Masters
"Melting Point"-Music Masters
“Desire”-Music Masters
With Yusef Lateef-"Plays Ballads"-YAL Records
"Yusef Lateef and Ralph Jones III Woodwinds"-YAL Records
"Tenors of Yusef Lateef and Archie Shepp"-YAL Records
"Tenors of Yusef Lateef and Ricky Ford"-YAL Records
"Metamorphosis"-YAL Records
"Tenors featuring Rene McLean"-YAL Records
"Full Circle"-YAL Records
With Chico Freeman-"Oh By the Way" Quataca
With the Young Lions-"Kool Jazz Festival 1982 Live at Carnegie Hall"-Electra
Musician Records

RECORD
COMPANY

Owner/Executive Producer at JKNM Records, established in 1994

EDUCATION: 1978-1981 Completed one year towards Masters of Music-Univ. of Massachusetts
1972-1976 BA in Economics/ Minor Music-Univ. of Massachusetts