

Seacoast Jazz Society Lecture Series

THE JAZZ SINGER AS MUSICIAN

Wednesday, January 26th, 2011, 7 – 8:45 pm

@ Portsmouth Public Library



Jazz Singer, Educator, Composer, Arranger, Pianist Chris Humphrey will present a lecture/listening session on the art of singing jazz. He is an experienced vocal group singer, solo singer, pianist and band leader currently living in Southern Maine. Humphrey will discuss the various influences of his professional and musical career including Jon Hendricks, Ella Fitzgerald, Carmen McRae, Bobby McFerrin Clark Terry, Chet Baker and Eddie Jefferson. As an educator, Humphrey is a firm believer in the powerful worth of being a "singer who plays" and a "player who sings", and will discuss how singing and playing has helped shape his musical development.

Humphrey has taught at Bowdoin College, the University of Southern Maine, and the University of New Hampshire. In the 1990s, he was a member of the vocal group "The Ritz". He currently teaches at Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine and leads the Chris Humphrey Big Band. His debut solo album was released in 2007 on Cadence Jazz Records, and received rave reviews from publications such as Jazz Times, Jazz Improv, All Music Guide, All About Jazz, Jazz Review, and Ejazz news.

The event is sponsored by the Seacoast Jazz Society (www.seacoastjazz.org). It is free and open to the public from 7 pm to 8:45 pm on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library, 175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, NH, 03801. Phone: (603) 427-1540. Light refreshments will be served.