

Matt Wilson Quartet

Ensemble members: Matt Wilson—drums, sampler (composer)
Andrew D'Angelo—alto saxophone, bass clarinet
Jeff Lederer—tenor and soprano saxophone, clarinet
Yosuke Inoue—bass
Dawn Thomson—voice and guitar

Title of the commissioned work: The Carl Sandburg Project

Instrumentation:
drums, sampler; alto saxophone, bass clarinet; tenor and soprano saxophone, clarinet;
bass; voice and guitar

Composer's Statement:
"A Midwestern U.S. tour and many additional performances (including the Rochester NY. Jazz Festival, Carl Sandburg Days in Galesburg, Illinois and New York clubs) has allowed the Carl Sandburg Project to perform and explore the music as a real band. The effective use of the poetry, based in songs, samples of Mr. Sandburg reading, improvisations based on text and band recitations take the listener on a performance journey. A concert program with the texts of the poetry, a history of the project, artists bios and recommending reading of Mr. Sandburg is provided at each concert. All ages will enjoy the presentation. In addition, the combination of jazz music and the work of a great American poet opens up many possibilities for an enlightening educational and concert experience."

Length of the work: Two 40-50 minute sets
Recording: Available. Please contact the artist directly.

Stated Technical Requirements:
"PA system primarily for voice with monitor depending on size of venue. 4 microphones. Back line to include: Drumset – basic simple and functional; bass amp (in certain instances, because of travel) an acoustic bass; Guitar amp. The requirements are very simple and adaptable."

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