



Legends and Mentors Avery Sharpe Group

John Blake, violin; Joe Ford, alto and soprano saxophone;
Onaje Allan Gumbs, piano; Winard Harper-drums; Avery Sharpe, bass

Selections from *Legends and Mentors, The music of McCoy Tyner, Archie Shepp and Yusef Lateef.*

Tunes will be announced live
and not necessarily in this order:

Big Mac (Bro. Tyner) – Avery Sharpe

Ballad for Aisha – M. Tyner

Fly With the Wind – M. Tyner

The Chief (Bro. Shepp) – Avery Sharpe

Steam – A. Shepp

U jaama – A. Shepp

Gentle Giant (Bro. Lateef) – Avery Sharpe

Morning – Y. Lateef

Because They Love Me – Y. Lateef

Friday, September 19, 2008

8:00 P.M.

Chapin Hall

Williamstown, Massachusetts

Upcoming Events:

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9/24: MIDWEEKMUSIC, Chapin Hall, 12:15 p.m.

9/26: Violin Master Class with Ani Kavafian, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 4:15 p.m.

9/26: Piano Master Class with Mihae Lee, Chapin Hall (seating onstage), 4:15 p.m.

9/26: Ani Kavafian, violin and Mihae Lee, piano, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.

10/1: MIDWEEKMUSIC, Chapin Hall, 12:15 p.m.

10/2: Screening of "Straight, No Chaser" in conjunction with Freddie Bryant Quartet, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 4:15 p.m.

10/4: Freddie Bryant Quartet featuring Ben Riley, Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Pre-concert talk, Brooks-Rogers, 7:15 p.m.

10/8: MIDWEEKMUSIC, Chapin Hall, 12:15 p.m.

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No photography or recording is permitted.*

Legends and Mentors pays homage to three of America's greatest living jazz musicians - McCoy Tyner, Archie Shepp and Yusef Lateef. As Avery puts it, " these individuals not only helped to change the face of music, my association with them changed my life and the way I view music."

McCoy Tyner - Avery worked with McCoy for a record number of 20 years. Their touring and recording works are probably one of the longest associations in modern Jazz history. They became family, McCoy watched as Sharpe's family grew. Sharpe witnessed many of Tyner's life challenges and triumphs. The mark of a great musician is one who changes the way his contemporaries and those who follow, think about piano. This is one of the piano great Tyner's stellar achievements.

Archie Shepp - Avery has known Archie since he was 19 years old. He was Avery's first introduction to Jazz as a high art form. He was one of Sharpe's professors at the Univ. of Massachusetts and took Avery under his wing. Shepp taught Sharpe about the music, but also made him a student of the history of the music. Avery's first European and professional tour was with Shepp.

Yusef Lateef - Great musician and one of our greatest thinkers. Yusef's intellectual prowess is legendary. Sharpe has appeared on at least 7 of Lateef's CDs. Sharpe has worked with Yusef for at least 15 years.

CD's will be sold after the concert in the lobby.