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“Nightnotes” presents Detroit Jazz Legend Alvin Waddles

On Friday, October 16, Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings’ popular Nightnotes series welcomes local jazz pianist **Alvin Waddles** and his trio for a salute to the music of Fats Waller. Hosted by Nightnotes sponsor **Hagopian World of Rugs** in downtown **Birmingham**, this performance will take place at **8:30 p.m.** A reception with complimentary refreshments will precede the concert, beginning at 8:00.

Alvin Waddles’ performance, titled “And All That Jazz,” pays tribute to the music of Fats Waller. The composer of jazz standards such as “Honeysuckle Rose”, “Ain’t Misbehavin’”, and “Squeeze Me”, Waller left his mark on jazz piano history with clever lyrics and masterful composition. Waddles’ skill and personality will be on full display as he brings the melodies, wit, whimsy and wonderful musical legacy of the legendary Fats Waller to life.

The product of diverse musical influences, Alvin Waddles combines the precision and technique of a classically-trained musician with the imagination and charisma of a jazz superstar. Waddles’ mastery of multiple musical styles can readily be seen in his unique, jazz-infused improvisations on familiar classical works. His level of comfort in both the classical and jazz idioms makes him a surefire crowd-pleaser, popular among classical and jazz fans alike.

A native Detroiter, Alvin Waddles began his music study at the age of eight under respected teacher Gusseye Dickey. His love for the piano brought him through the Interlochen Arts Academy and on to the University of Michigan School of Music, where he completed his formal education. His professional career as an educator, performer, music director and recording artist has earned him respect in both the classical and jazz circles. Of special note has been his role as Musical Director and Pianist for Cook, Dixon and Young, formerly of the Three Mo’ Tenors.

Discounted advance tickets are **\$20 for adults and \$10 for students**, and can be purchased on-line at www.detroitchamberwinds.org, or by calling **248-559-2095**. Admission will also be available at the door for an additional \$5 per ticket. Hagopian World of Rugs is located at 850 S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham (48009).

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings is an ensemble of musicians drawn primarily from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestras. In addition to six Nightnotes concerts, DCWS presents an annual nine-concert subscription series. For more information, please call 248-559-2095.

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