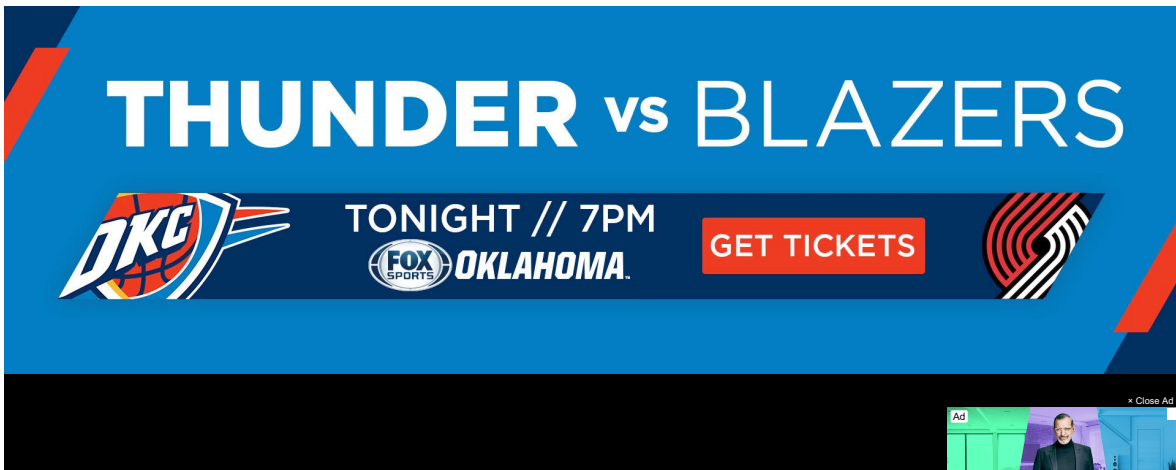


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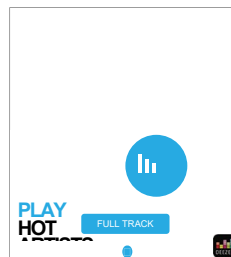
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The Kenari Quartet will perform a variety of shows in Tulsa this week. Courtesy/Kenari Quartet

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Because the Kenari Quartet is one of the more unusual ensembles that Chamber Music Tulsa has presented, the organization is giving Tulsans many opportunities to experience the unique sound and artistry of this quartet of saxophones.

The Kenari Quartet will spend much of the coming week in residence in Tulsa, taking part in several public events, in addition to the two concerts that are part of Chamber Music Tulsa's regular season.

Formed in 2012 when the members were students at Indiana University, the Kenari Quartet has taken top honors at many of the most prestigious competitions. Members of the Kenari (a Malayan word for "songbird") are Bob Eason, soprano saxophone; Kyle Baldwin, alto saxophone; Corey Dundee, tenor saxophone; and Steven Banks, baritone saxophone.

"Our primary goal is to spread awareness of the saxophone's versatility, while at the same time sharing our love for music and its power to inspire, unite and fulfill," according to a mission statement on the quartet's website. "We accomplish this through programming a variety of works — including classical transcriptions, original repertoire, commissions, avant-garde contemporary pieces, as well as arrangements of jazz and popular tunes."

The music the quartet performs, the statement continues, is "chosen for the particular ways that they impact us as performers and for the various emotional implications that they create for the listener."

Those ideas are mirrored in the various events in which the quartet will participate during its residency. The public events include:

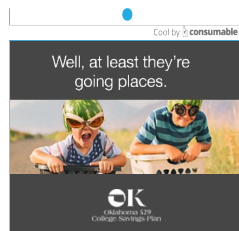
- A free public concert at noon Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Tulsa's Central Library, Fifth Street and Denver Avenue.
- A concert at Duet Jazz, Tulsa's newest dining/music spot, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24. Tickets are \$10 and available at duetjazz.com.
- "Into the Canon: Equity in Classical Music," a talk by Steven Banks, the quartet's baritone saxophonist, about the little-known women and people of color whose rich contributions to concert music are unfortunately not as well known as they should be. A brief performance by the quartet will follow this presentation at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the TCC McKeon Center for Creativity, 910 S. Boston Ave. Admission is free.

The quartet's Saturday Salon concert is sold out, but tickets are available for the concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Tulsa PAC, 110 E. Second St.

The concert will feature a wide range of music, including works by Piazzolla, Nagao, Escaich, Mellits and Tichei, along with a transcription of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The concert will be preceded by a lecture, beginning at 2:15 p.m., by musicologist Jason Heilman and members of the quartet.

Tickets for the Sunday concert are \$25. 918-587-3802, chambermusictulsa.org.



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