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A CELEBRATION OF MODERN MUSIC

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ASTRAL PROJECT

TONY DAGRADI SAX

STEVE MASAKOWSKI GUITAR

JOHN VIDACOVICH DRUMS

JAMES SINGLETON BASS

19 OCTOBER 2013, 8PM

WILSON HALL

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

ACT ONE

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

For more than thirty years, **Astral Project** has delighted audiences around the world with its unique brand of cutting edge improvisation and near telepathic interplay over deep New Orleans' grooves.

In 1978, Tony Dagradi gathered together the brightest, most energetic young players in the



Crescent City and started out on a path that would help shape the modern jazz scene for years to come. A devoted student of Eastern philosophy, Dagradi coined the band name as a reflection of the group's quest for a higher plane of experience. As everyone who has seen the band in concert knows, each performance finds these men reaching for the stars.

Over the years the personnel has remained remarkably constant. Master drummer John Vidacovich continues to direct the rhythmic ebb and flow of the music as only he can. A brilliant soloist and highly sensitive accompanist, he plays with a command of dynamics, distinctive melodic accents and effervescent swing. On bass, James Singleton is a conduit of pure energy. His solid rhythmic concept and harmonic sense are the foundation of this innovative group's improvisational strength. Steve Masakowski has long been regarded as one of the most awe-inspiring guitarists and composers in contemporary music. His technique on the unique seven string instrument which he designed has influenced a generation of guitarists. Performing on tenor and soprano saxophones, Tony Dagradi brings an emotional urgency to each solo. His huge tone and soaring lines speak of the entire tradition of jazz and constantly push the energy of the band forward.

2013-2014 Schedule

ASTRAL PROJECT

19 October 2013, 8PM

JASPER WOOD & DAVID RILEY

8 March 2014, 8PM

All concerts are free and take place in Wilson Hall on the beautiful campus of Washington and Lee University.