



*The Fifty-sixth Annual*

## Conference on World Affairs

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# JAZZ CONCERT

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(Boulder) – April 1, 2004 – The University of Colorado’s Fifty-sixth Conference on World Affairs Annual Jazz Concert will feature a bevy of world-class performers on Tuesday, April 8 at 8pm in Macky Auditorium.

CWA Jazz Concert organizer **Nelson Rangell** promises an “exciting blend of homage to traditional jazz and jazz cultures around the world--from the bee bop era to the most forward contemporary sounds and world rhythms.”

The CWA is excited to welcome one of contemporary Jazz music’s premier composers, **Russell Ferrante**, as a first-time participant at the annual concert. Ferrante is best known for his work with the contemporary jazz super-group *The Yellow Jackets*. Legendary jazz historian and pianist **Ben Sidran** will lend wry insights in his jazz and blues vocal stylings. **Nora York**, celebrated vocalist, and **Brad Goode**, trumpet virtuoso, make debut appearances at the CWA this year.

Also joining the lineup will be **Derek Nash** on sax. Nash, the leader of England's renowned Sax Appeal, will be making his third appearance at the CWA. Lebanese percussionist **Rony Barrak**, is also back for an encore. Barrak's brilliant solo on tabla brought down the house at the 2003 CWA concert.

CU’s own **Chip Stephens** will add his prodigious keyboard talents to the

evening's collaborative. Area mainstays **Bijou Barabosa**, **Mike Marlier**, and **Nelson Rangell** will complete the varied and rich lineup of international talent.

Conference co-chair **Juli Steinhuaer** says, "Rangell is one of the world's premier reed players, possessing a mastery of the saxophone, piccolo and flute." Steinhauer also points out one of Rangell's lesser recognized talents; "Nelson's most extraordinary and hidden talent is whistling." All who were in attendance will remember the mesmerizing display at the last year's jazz concert as Rangell, accompanied by the great jazz pianist **Ralph Sharon**, whistled a hauntingly beautiful version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." His ability to hold notes and manipulate the musical scale as a whistler is almost inhuman.

These musicians will also participate on a wide variety of panels and performances during the course of the Conference week, April 5-9.

All Conference on World Affairs sessions are free and open to the public. For the full schedule of 212 CWA events, see [www.colorado.edu/cwa](http://www.colorado.edu/cwa)

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