



## PRESS RELEASE

Traditional Jazz in the Delaware Valley

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### Tri-State Jazz Society Presents Australian Multi-Reed Virtuoso Adrian Cunningham

**PHILADELPHIA** – Tri-State Jazz Society presents the Adrian Cunningham Sextet on Sunday, August 16, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at Community Arts Center, 414 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA 19086. Adrian Cunningham is a multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, and world traveler. Originally from Sydney, Australia and now based in New York, he is proving to be one of his country's top exports. With fluent command of the saxophones, clarinet, and flute, he is one of the finest multi-instrumentalists in Jazz. Half-price admission of \$10, payable at the door, is available for first-time attendees and members; general admission is \$20; full-time students with IDs and children are free. There are no advance sales or reservations. The Arts Center is less than a mile from the Media-Swarthmore exit of I-476 (the "Blue Route") and has free parking. For information see [www.tristatejazz.org](http://www.tristatejazz.org) or call [\(856\) 720-0232](tel:8567200232).

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### Adrian Cunningham Sextet

Adrian Cunningham - Clarinet, Soprano, Alto & Tenor Saxes, Flute, Vocals, Leader

Joe Boga, Trumpet

Bob Edwards, Trombone

Oscar Perez, Piano

Dan Foose, Bass

Rob Garcia, Drums

When he is not busy performing in NYC with some of its A-list players, Adrian is touring the world playing jazz festivals and swing events.

Since relocating to New York City in 2008, he has performed at some of the Big

Apple's finest venues - Blue Note, Smalls, Birdland, 55 Bar, Apollo Theatre, Fat Cat, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola (Lincoln Center), the Kitano, and even a private event at the hallowed Village Vanguard, with such luminaries as Wynton Marsalis, Wycliffe Gordon, George Coleman Jr and Bucky Pizzarelli, Chris Potter, and Rene Marie.

In 2014, Adrian became the leader of the woodwind section of the Grammy-winning [Vince Giordano and the Nighthawks](#), a NYC-based 1920s swing orchestra, responsible for the soundtracks for "Boardwalk Empire" and movies including "The Aviator." Adrian also appeared at Tri-State with vocalist and banjoist Cynthia Sayer in August, followed a month later by gigs at the Princeton JazzFeast with both Ms. Sayer and the Nighthawks.

Adrian is currently performing with world-class trombonist Wycliffe Gordon including a concert at the London Jazz festival and a recording in Abbey Road studios alongside Wess Anderson, Reginald Veal and Herlin Riley. Adrian has appeared on two of Gordon's album releases to rave reviews "One of the unexpected joys of the album is the rich, woody clarinet of Cunningham" (album review, Hot House NYC).

In 2013 Cunningham formed a traditional/New Orleans style group called [Professor Cunningham and His Old School](#), which is deeply rooted in the Jazz tradition and has fast become one of the top bands in the international Swing scene, having performed at Snowball (Stockholm), SLOX (California), BABBLE (NYC), CPH:LX (Copenhagen) and Melbourne International Jazz Festival.

Cunningham also has a busy Jazz Festival schedule, being such the favorite of many that he is invited back year after year. Such festivals include the North Carolina Jazz Festival, Central Illinois Jazz festival, Newport, and also concerts at the famous Gennett studios (Richmond, Indiana). International festival credits include the Montreux Jazz Festival (3 times!!) Johannesburg, London, and Sopot Molo (Poland).

### **Community Arts Center, Wallingford**

Community Arts Center, located in Wallingford near I-476 (the "Blue Route") between Media and Swarthmore in Delaware County, is home to Tri-State Jazz Society's Pennsylvania concerts. Traditional jazz bands and solo pianists are presented five or six times a year in the Art Center's fully accessible Duke Gallery, a 3100-square-foot space that boasts excellent acoustics, a grand piano, soaring ceilings, post and beam construction and beautiful light. Free

parking is available on the premises and complementary refreshments are served during intermission.

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## **Background**

Originally starting his musical career on piano at the age of 16, Adrian is better known for his ability to swap seamlessly between alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, clarinet and flute. As well as playing all over the country with his own band (The Adrian Cunningham Quartet), Adrian has also risen to be one of the most in-demand freelance musicians in the country.

"Adrian Cunningham is more proof there's a lot going on in Australia's Jazz scene."

~ Album Review, Cadence Magazine, New York

"a young jazz artist who plays as if he has been playing for over a century"

~ All About Jazz

Adrian appears in the following YouTube video performing the Benny Goodman classic "Sing, Sing, Sing":

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeHJbxSKjbY&index=15&list=PLUSOdUwkjD-d6ue\\_hnFw95t038Hq4KO9R](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeHJbxSKjbY&index=15&list=PLUSOdUwkjD-d6ue_hnFw95t038Hq4KO9R).

## **Band Information**

New generation trumpeter Joe Boga and trombonist Bob Edwards, both Juilliard graduates, are two of the leading traditional brass players.

Pianist Oscar Perez, a swinger within the stride tradition, is a regular performer with Wycliffe Gordon and a mainstay of the Monday night jam sessions at NYC's Kitano.

Texas-born and New Orleans-raised Dan Foose is an incredible bassist whom Adrian "has snatched up before anyone else could get their hands on him!"

One of NYC's leading traditional stylists, drummer Rob Garcia has been a member of Vince Giordano's Nighthawks as well as Woody Allen's Dixieland ensemble.

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Tri-State Jazz Society, formed in 1988, is dedicated to the preservation and live performance of traditional jazz including Dixieland, swing, ragtime, and boogie-woogie. All concerts are open to the public and feature leading professional small jazz bands and soloists. Monthly concerts are presented in Haddonfield, NJ or Walligford, PA except for December. The society is a non-profit educational corporation supported by its members.

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