

Playhouse Arts

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Calendar Listing

Scott Amendola, Ben Goldberg, & Todd Sickafoose play the music of Thelonius Monk, and more
Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 p.m.
Tickets at \$20 (general) and \$18 (students/seniors/members)
Live at the Arcata Playhouse

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Jazz Trio Monk Tribute at the Arcata Playhouse

Scott Amendola, Ben Goldberg, and Todd Sickafoose will perform a Jazz tribute to Thelonius Monk and more at the Arcata Playhouse on Saturday, May 7th at 8:00 p.m. Having played music together in various forms for nearly 30 years, the trio brings virtuosic mastery of their instruments, along with band sensibility to create a playful, and thoughtful musical experience. Thelonious Monk's music has captured their collective heart ever since they all heard him as young upstarts. The trio will journey through all kinds of moods and musical landscapes, including some original compositions.

For **Scott Amendola**, the drum kit isn't so much an instrument as a musical portal. An ambitious composer and savvy bandleader, Amendola brings his rhythmic virtuosity to a vast array of settings; his closest musical associates include guitarists, Nels Cline, Jeff Parker, Charlie Hunter, Hammond B-3 organist Wil Blades, violinists Regina Carter and Jenny Scheinman, and clarinetist Ben Goldberg.

Todd Sickafoose is a Tony and Grammy award-winning composer, producer, orchestrator, bandleader and double bassist. He produced and co-arranged all three albums of the Broadway hit *Hadestown* and also produced Anaïs Mitchell's album *Young Man in America*. Since 2004, Sickafoose has recorded and performed internationally with artist/activist Ani DiFranco. Straddling the worlds of folk, indie rock, jazz and chamber music, his own band Tiny Resistors has been featured on many "Best-Of" lists including the *Village Voice* and *JazzTimes*.

Clarinetist / composer **Ben Goldberg** grew up in Denver. He was a pupil of the eminent clarinetist Rosario Mazzeo and studied with Steve Lacy and Joe Lovano. Since 1992, when his group New Klezmer Trio "kicked open the door for radical experiments with Ashkenazi roots music" (*SF Chronicle*), Ben has shaped a career through curiosity and experimentation. *Downbeat Magazine* has twice named him Rising Star Clarinetist.

Tickets for the event are \$20 for General Admission and \$18 for Students, Seniors, and Playhouse members, and are available at arcataplayhouse.org/events or by calling (707) 822-1575. Guests will be required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination at the door. 1251 9th Street, Arcata, CA 95521