

# Dennis Shafer

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## Saxophone

### Classical

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#### SELECTED SOLO RECITALS

Everything But Jazz  
Solo Recital  
Dennis Shafer and Friends  
Classical Music with Rachel Hunter, Kansas University

Stan Herd's Art Studio, Lawrence, KS  
Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA  
Salon de Musiques, Montmartre, France  
Kansas Public Radio 91.5, Lawrence, KS

#### ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

Soloist. *Chemins IV* by Luciano Berio  
Alto Saxophone. *Rhapsody in Blue* by George Gershwin  
Soloist. *The Pink Panther* by Henry Mancini

Longy Chamber Orchestra, Cambridge, MA  
Boulogne Conservatory, Paris, France  
Civic Symphony Orchestra, Weston, MA

#### TEACHERS

Kenneth Radnofsky  
Jean-Michel Goury  
Vincent Gnojek

Longy School of Music, The Boston Conservatory  
Boulogne Conservatory  
The University of Kansas

### Contemporary/Experimental

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#### SHOWS

2x2 with Gleason's Twins  
Sounds in Bloom and Duo Zephyr  
Vortex Other Dimension Ensemble

Mobius Experimental Art Space, Boston, MA  
Cite International des Arts, Paris, France  
Zeitgeist Outpost, Inman Square, Cambridge, MA

#### COLLABORATIONS

Vox 4 String Quartet, DJ Neebor  
Etienne Rolin, Sound-Painting  
Seongyoun Hong

Tenri Institute Japanese Cultural Center, New York, NY  
Concert Tour in April 2010  
Premiered and recorded electro-acoustic work

#### COMPOSERS

Claudio Gabriele  
Etienne Rolin  
Mikel Keuhn  
Juliet Case  
Michael Paull

Arranged Boston Tour, Commissioned/Premiered Works  
Sound-Painting: Concert Tour in April 2010  
Premiered work  
Commissioned/Premiered Works  
Commissioned/Premiered Works

**Boston Conservatory Saxophone Ensemble**  
**Jean-Michel Goury BB's Saxophone Ensemble**  
**Longitude New Music Ensemble**  
**Vortex Other Dimension Ensemble**  
**Back Bay Sax Quartet, Sounds in Bloom**

**Conductor**  
**Alto Saxophone**  
**Performing Artist, Web/Publishing Designer**  
**Collaborating Artist**  
**Co-Founder**

### Future Tours/Engagements

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**Dennis Shafer and Friends at Longy, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Cambridge, MA**

-Featuring the world premiere of Claudio Gabriele's first Saxophone Quartet, and 3 other world premieres by composers Paul Klein, Juliet Case, and David Krebs. Collaborators include Sounds in Bloom and the Vox 4 String Quartet.

**Everything But Jazz Tour, April 2009**

**New England, USA**

-A CD-release tour featuring new albums by Dennis Shafer and Sounds in Bloom. Includes the Redwood Library in Providence, RI, Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA, and MassArt in Boston.

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### Opus Jazz Duo Tour, June 2009

### Paris/Nantes, France

-With pending support from the French-American Jazz Exchange, this tour will end in a recording session in Nantes, France.

### Saxophone Ensemble Tour, July 2009

### Bangkok, Thailand

-Invited by the International Saxophone Congress to play the opening program, the Jean-Michel Goury Saxophone Ensemble will play this among other performances in Thailand.

### Australian Tour with Simon Tedeschi, Pianist, July 2009

### Melbourne/Sydney, Australia

-Made possible in part by the Australian Council for the Arts, this tour includes appearances at Melbourne University, and the Sutherland Theatre outside Sydney.

### Sounds in Bloom/Etienne Rolin/Duo Zephyr, April 2010

### American Tour

-Starting in Boston and touring points West, including Northwestern University, Kansas University, and Eco-village at Ithaca, NY, this tour will include workshops, masterclasses, and interactive performances with visual artist/composer Etienne Rolin, saxophonist Jean-Michel Goury, and flutist Sophie Goury.

## Jazz/Entertainment

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### The Skyline Quintet

### Co-Founder, Saxophonist

-Hired regularly by Odyssey Cruises of Boston, Princess Cruises, and for weddings and ceremonies.

### Opus Jazz Duo

### Co-Founder, Saxophonist

- Collaboration with French Jazz-Contemporary pianist Matthias Leboucher blends contemporary styles with original and standard jazz compositions.

## Teaching Experience

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### Shafer School of Saxophone (Private Studio)

Paris, France  
Boston, MA

2004-2007  
2007-present

### Extensive Teaching Experience at All Levels

### Saxophone

Longy School of Music (Sub)  
New England Conservatory (Sub)  
Boulogne Conservatory, France (Sub)  
Wellesley Private Lesson Program, MA  
New Horizons Band (Adult Novice Woodwinds), Wayland, MA

2007-present  
2008  
2006-2007  
2008-present  
2008-present

### Shafer School of Saxophone (Private Studio, saxophone, clarinet)

Paris, France  
Boston, MA

2004-2007  
2007-present

### Workshops/Masterclasses

Contemporary Improvisation and Poetry  
Creation and Performance of Music and Poetry  
Performance of Poetry with Music  
Masterclass on Saxophone and Clarinet Reeds

The Boston Conservatory  
Chenery Middle School  
Bridgewater State College  
Wellesley Extension Program

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### Teaching Abilities

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#### Contemporary Extended Techniques: Wind Instruments

-Specialty in saxophone and clarinet; composers Luciano Berio, David Amram, Frederic Rzewski

#### Music History

-Specialty in contemporary music 1950-present

#### Music Theory/Ear Training

-Both French solfege system and American “fixed do”

#### Music Composition

-Composition methods for the debuting composer/improviser

#### Performance Seminar

-Performance seminar where students can play for each other, myself and special guests, and also receive coaching.

#### Contemporary Music Ensemble

-Coaching, organization and performance of New Music in Contemporary performance settings.

### Education

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#### Longy School of Music

Cambridge, MA

-Artist Diploma in Saxophone Performance, 2009

#### Senior Regional Conservatory of Boulogne

Paris, France

-Certificat de Recompense, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Saxophone Performance, Certified in Solfege, Chamber Music

#### The Boston Conservatory

Boston, MA

-Bachelors of Music *Cum Laude*, 2004

#### The University of Kansas

Lawrence, KS

-Lessons, Courses in French and Jazz Studies