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FORMER WEATHER REPORT BASSIST AND
COLTRANE EXPERT ANDREW WHITE PERFORMS WITH
THE GEORGETOWN QUINTET

WHO: The Georgetown Quintet with Andrew White
WHEN: Saturday, August 28, 2010, 3:00pm
WHERE: Benning Neighborhood Library
3935 Benning Road, NE, Wash., DC 20019
ADMISSION: Free/General Public Seating
INFO: (202) 281-2583, DCLibrary.org/Benning

WASHINGTON, DC - A hybrid of jazz and chamber music will rock the Benning Neighborhood Library with a unique concert on August 28.

To celebrate the 68th birthday of D.C. jazz legend Andrew Nathaniel White III, The Georgetown Quintet will perform his "Three Jazz Parodies" for woodwind quintet and alto saxophone: "Sinfonia/Adagio/Badin rie." Other works for woodwind quintet in this concert will include:

- "Theme and Variations for Woodwind Quintet," Andrew White
- "Le Cheminee du Roi Rene," Darius Milhaud
- "Aires Tropicales," Paquito D'Rivera
- "Quintettino," Arvo Part, and
- "Quodlibet," Arne Running

Heard on electric bass and English horn on Weather Report's album "Sweetnighter," Andrew White helped launch this

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jazz-fusion band to stardom in 1973. White has also performed on tenor saxophone with The Julius Hemphill Saxophone Sextet, on electric bass with The Fifth Dimension and Stevie Wonder, and on oboe with The American Ballet Theatre.

Andrew White was awarded the Gold Medal of the French Society of Arts, Sciences and Letters in 2006 in Paris, France, sharing the award with past honorees that include Violinist-Conductor Yehudi Menuhin, Virtuoso-Trumpeter Maurice Andre and Scientist-Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Albert Schweitzer. White is a music theorist, author, publisher and jazz musician as well as a longtime DC resident. A leading authority on John Coltrane's music, White has transcribed and published 701 improvised solos by Coltrane. His book, Trane 'n Me (1981) is well-known at conservatories internationally.

Andrew White received his Bachelor of Music Degree Cum Laude in Music Theory with a minor in oboe from Howard University in 1964. He continued his studies on the oboe at The Paris Conservatory of Music in Paris, France.

Established in 2005, The Georgetown Quintet performs concerts of new and classic woodwind music in the greater Washington area. With grants from the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County, the ensemble has brought new music including a Joseph Hallman commission (for wind quintet and bass clarinet) to The Kennedy Center, Strathmore Mansion and the Martin Luther King Library. The Quintet was nominated "Best Chamber Ensemble" of 2008 by the Washington Area Musicians Awards (WAMMIEs). Members are: Katrina Smith, flute; Yeonjee Sohn, oboe/English horn; Evan Solomon, clarinet; Chandra Cervantes, French horn; and Nancy Switkes, bassoon.

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DIRECTIONS to the Benning Neighborhood Library,
3935 BENNING ROAD, NE, Washington, DC 20019:

VIA METRO: Transfer to Orange Line at Metro Center or L'Enfant Plaza, heading toward New Carrollton. Exit at Minnesota Avenue Station, turn RIGHT on Minnesota Avenue, NE. Next street, cross & turn left onto Benning Road. Library is glass/beige building on right.

FROM NW DC or MARYLAND: Go South on N. Capitol St., NW. LEFT on H St., NE for 1.4 miles. Continue 2 miles as H St., NE becomes Benning Road, NE. Cross Minnesota Avenue, NE. Library is glass/beige building on right. Go down the down the driveway and park by Safeway.

FROM VIRGINIA: Take 50 East; Exit onto 395, taking ramp to Washington. Continue on Southwest Freeway, becoming Southeast Freeway. Exit onto Pennsylvania Avenue, SE and stay left. Turn on Minnesota Avenue SE for 1.8 miles. Glass/beige building on right. Go down the driveway and park by Safeway.

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