

Rob Denty was born in Brunswick, Georgia. He began playing piano at age five and alto saxophone at age 10. Rob graduated from the University of North Florida with a Bachelors of Music. He had the good fortune of studying with Bunky Green at UNF for four years-- an experience that permanently shaped his conceptual and performing ideas.

In 1995, Rob moved to Chicago to search for more performing opportunities and started his Masters Degree program at DePaul University. While at DePaul, he studied with Paul McKee and Mark Colby and earned his Masters of Music in Saxophone Performance. Since moving, Rob has had the privilege of performing for 10 years with some of the best musicians in Chicago. In 2001, Rob became a member of the Chicago Jazz Ensemble in residence at Columbia College, then under direction of the late William Russo. To date, he continues to be a member of this group, now under the artistic direction of Jon Faddis. Rob performs with many small groups around town. He is a member of DW3 which released its first CD, *Etched*, in June of 2006. Rob also leads his own quartet which released its first CD, *Round and Round*, on Taken Records in July of 2007. Rob is an active educator who conducts clinics and workshops and has a full studio of private students. He is currently involved in the Louis Armstrong Legacy Program and is the woodwind instructor at St. Rita High School in Chicago.

Artists with whom Rob Denty has performed professionally include: Slide Hampton, Ramsey Lewis, Johnny Griffin, Ira Sullivan, Aretha Franklin, Joe Lovano, Buddy DeFranco, Doc Severinsen, Kevin Mahogany, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Vinny Calliuta, Jimmy Heath, John Fedchock, Dick Hyman, Bill Hollman, actor Gary Sinese, Cedar Walton, Marcus Printup, Von Freeman, Lonnie Brooks, Lee Konitz, Lenny Niehaus, Clark Terry, Sylvia McNair, Dee Dee Bridgewater, The O'Jays, Gerald Wilson, Kelly Sill, Dave Valentin, Lalo Schifrin, Claudia Acuna, Eric Alexander, Dr. Billy Taylor, Bill Dobbins, Alvin Batiste, Mary Wilson and the Supremes.

Venues at which Rob Denty has performed professionally include: Max M. Fisher Music Center – Detroit MI, East Coast Jazz Festival--Washington, D.C., Symphony Center--Chicago, IL, The Jazz Showcase, Skokie Center of the Performing Arts, Teatro Manzoni--Milan, Italy, Midwest Band Clinic, Millennium Park, The Green Mill, Chicago Jazz Festival, Illinois Music Educators Association, Ravinia Festival, and The Oprah Winfrey Show.

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