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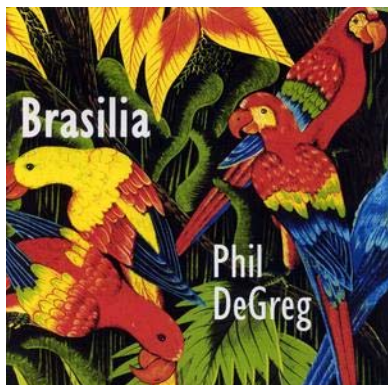
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Phil DeGreg & Brasilia Perform October 21 as Jazz of the Month Club Continues at the Main Library

Phil DeGreg & Brasilia will present a free concert at the Main Library (800 Vine Street) on Saturday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the continuing Jazz of the Month Club series.

Phil DeGreg is well known in the mid-west as the house pianist at Cincinnati's famous Blue Wisp Jazz Club, author of the text *Jazz Keyboard Harmony*, and professor

of jazz studies at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. *Brasilia* is an uplifting collaboration with some of Brazil's finest players. Phil DeGreg, an accomplished jazz pianist, composer and educator, took on the task of absorbing the essence of the music from Brazil not as an intellectual exercise, but as a deep process of internalizing and codifying its syntax and grammar. Many other American musicians have tried this blend, with differing degrees of musical and critical success.

Brasilia has established a name for itself in the jazz market. Easy on the ear, *Brasilia* combines known and not-so-known standards adding beautiful ballads, mining from the deep well of Brazilian jazz samba, exploring the baião grooves, plus adding his own original style.

Phil DeGreg began playing the piano in his childhood and now performs as a jazz pianist internationally. His earliest jazz influences were Bud Powell and Bill Evans, but he is accomplished and comfortable in a wide range of jazz styles, ranging from mainstream to bebop to Brazilian jazz. His versatility has led to professional performances with dozens of internationally recognized jazz artists, as well as leading and recording with his own groups. Phil DeGreg has released seven recordings as a leader and has been recorded as a sideman on many other jazz projects. For the last 10 years, he has served as the house pianist at the Blue Wisp Jazz Club, accompanying visiting artists on weekends.

Other concerts are scheduled in 2006-2007. The Jazz of the Month Club is supported by jazz artist and educator Jamey Aebersold. For information on his educational materials, visit www.jazzbooks.com. Additional support provided by the Friends of the Public Library.

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