

Start your week with an evening of jazz

Lynn Baker Jazz Trio plays Monday, Aug. 22, at Side A Brewing

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LA GRANDE — Side A Brewing is welcoming a trio of jazz musicians for an evening of music on Monday, Aug. 22.

The show will be on the brewpub's patio, 1219 Washington St.

The Lynn Baker Jazz Trio will feature Lynn Baker, Matt Cooper and Luke McKern.

Cooper met Baker while both were attending the University of Oregon.

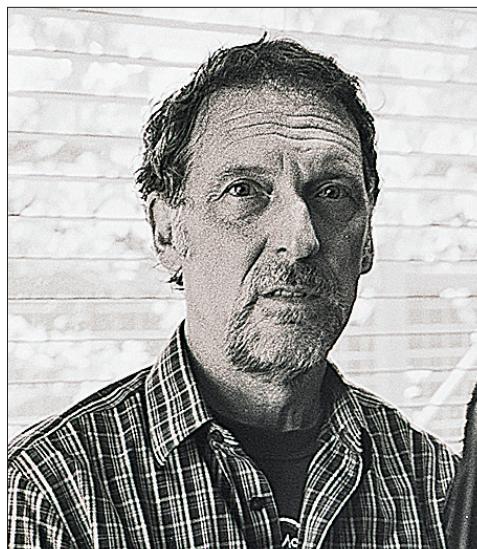
They played around the Eugene area, and Cooper later invited Baker to be a guest musician with the EOU jazz program.

Monday's concert features Baker on tenor and soprano saxophone, Cooper on piano and McKern on bass.

The music will include jazz standards, as well as several original pieces.

"Mostly familiar tunes," Baker said.

Cooper retired in 2019 from teaching music at Eastern Oregon University, and plays regularly with various musicians around the region. McKern teaches at



Matt Cooper



Lynn Baker



Luke McKern

JAZZ TRIO

What: Jazz with Lynn Baker, Matt

Cooper and Luke McKern

When: Monday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.

Where: Side A Brewing, 1219 Washington St., La Grande

EOU, and also plays around Eastern Oregon, including with Holly Sorensen as the band Bag of Hammers.

Baker recently retired from the University of Denver, where he was director of

the jazz studies program. He's played music since he was 12, and it was a teacher who inspired him to pursue a career in education.

"I was inspired by my middle school band director — who still comes to my concerts in Salem," he said.

After earning a master's, though, Baker couldn't find a teaching position.

"So I had to take a job playing," he said.

He's continued to perform while teaching. He holds degrees from the Uni-

versity of Oregon and Western Oregon University and has also studied at Mt. Hood Community College with Larry McVeigh and at Indiana University with David Baker, Dominic Spera and Eugene Robinson.

Before moving to Denver in 1993, Baker taught at Indiana University, Carleton College and universities in Oregon.

These days, you can find him playing live every Thursday, at 5 p.m. MDT, on his Facebook page for his "Five at Five" series.

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