

Grande Ronde Symphony presents an evening of jazz

May 13 concert features Matt Cooper and Rob Scheps

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LA GRANDE — The Grande Ronde Symphony's Chamber and Small Ensemble Series (CASES) is returning to live, in-person concerts with the first featuring Rob Scheps and Matt Cooper in a show titled "Life Is a Lot Like Jazz!"

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, in the Groth Recital Hall in Eastern Oregon University's Loso Hall.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$1 for students. Special family/group pricing is available. Season passes to CASES are \$50. Purchase tickets at www.granderondesymphony.org or at the door.

Scheps is a jazz saxophonist who has performed with the likes of Aretha Franklin and Buddy Rich. He tours worldwide and leads bands in New York, Seattle, Portland, Kansas City and Honolulu. His international tours include Finland, Canada, Mexico, St. Lucia, Norway, France, Italy, Germany, Taiwan, Sweden, Bermuda and Japan. His latest CD, "Comencio," is available on Amazon and iTunes.

Cooper, professor emeritus at EOU, has also performed all over the world. He specializes in jazz

and classical performance. His jazz credits include a tour with the Woody Herman Orchestra and performances and recordings with Eddie Harris, Clark Terry, Nancy King, Glen Moore, the Blue Wisp Big Band and the Les Elgart and Nelson Riddle Orchestras, among others. He has recorded four CDs as a leader or co-leader, including with Rob Scheps on "Live at the Churchill."

"We are very excited to return to offering a diversity of music through our Chamber and Small Ensemble Series concerts," said Alice Trindle, president of the Grande Ronde Symphony Association. "Kicking off the 2022 season with Rob and Matt is an unbelievable opportunity to hear truly world-class jazz in an intimate setting. I highly rec-

ommend going online to listen to this duo and come prepared to hear a program that ranges from pieces by Duke Ellington to Billy Strayhorn."

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Jazz saxophonist Rob Scheps,
along with pianist Matt Cooper,
will perform Friday, May 13, at
Eastern Oregon University.



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