

# Jamie Baum Septet

## Ensemble members:

Jamie Baum—flutes (composer)  
Ralph Alessi—trumpet  
Douglas Yates—saxophone, bass clarinet  
Tom Varner—French horn  
George Colligan—piano  
Drew Gress—bass  
Jeff Hirshfield—drums

Title of the commissioned work: Ives Suite: The Time Traveler

## Instrumentation:

flutes; trumpet; saxophone, bass clarinet; French horn; piano; bass; drums

## Composer's Statement:

"The commissioned work for septet reflects my interest in the music of the great American composer Charles Ives and the integration of some of his ideas into my jazz compositions. His use of multitonality; multiple, layered and displaced rhythms; the practice of two or more disparate pieces of music occurring simultaneously, accessible melodies over complex rhythms and harmonies, and Ives' penchant for leaving his compositions somewhat loose to give the musician room for interpretation were all concepts that offered many possibilities for my ensemble.

While the music is most definitely "jazz" in feel and style, the *Ives Suite* includes some compositions that have a direct correlation to a specific piece (i.e. The Unanswered Question, the 4<sup>th</sup> Symphony) and others which use the general concepts mentioned earlier as a way to expand the improvisational palette."

Length of the work: 75 minutes (can be performed in one long set or two shorter sets)

Recording: Available. Please contact the artist directly.

## Stated Technical Requirements:

"Tuned piano (and a Fender Rhodes or Hammond B3 if easily available), jazz drum kit, bass amp, PA system with at least 8 inputs and two speakers, two monitors (preferably more), 3 to 4 microphones and mic stands, 6 music stands"

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