

Free Association

Ensemble members: Michael Blake—saxophones (composer)
Peck Allmond—trumpet and flute
Clark Gayton—trombone
Chris Brown—B3 Organ and Wurlitzer Piano
David Tronzo—electric slide guitar
Matt Munisteri—electric guitar
Tony Scherr—electric bass
Mike Mazor—drums
Kate Fenner—vocals

Title of the commissioned work: Mr. Carefree

Instrumentation:
saxophones; trumpet and flute; trombone; electric slide guitar; electric guitar; electric bass;
drums; vocals

Composer's Statement:
"Mr. Carefree is a suite I wrote that combined my interests in jazz, soul and African music. I wrote 5 pieces with varying styles that reflected the TV theme music I grew up with. I recorded the concert we performed at the Knitting Factory and managed to edit and mix it down to a reasonable length. Vocalist Kate Fenner wrote the lyrics for two of the songs. The performances we played and the rehearsals for those performances were extremely productive and positive. All of the members put forth their best and I am very proud of the work. The audience response was also generous. I would like to get a studio recording of the project and perform it under the right conditions for an audience"

Length of the work: 120 Minutes
Recording: Available. Please contact the artist directly.

Stated Technical Requirements:
"Room on stage for 10 musicians; Hammond B3 organ; Wurlitzer electric piano; 2 guitar amps; 1 bass amp; drum set; microphones, and a PA."

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