

## Ensemble: Geof Bradfield Ensemble

Bandleader: Geof Bradfield

Ensemble members:

NAME	INSTRUMENT
Geof Bradfield	Tenor and soprano saxophones, bass clarinet
Victor Garcia	Trumpet and flugelhorn
Joel Adams	Trombone
Jeff Parker	Guitar
Ryan Cohan	Piano
Clark Sommers	Bass
George Fludas	Drums

Title of Work: *Melba!*  
 Composer: Geof Bradfield  
 Date completed: 2012  
 Work Length: 50 minutes

### Work Description:

*Melba!* is a suite in six movements for jazz septet informed by and celebrating the musical life of trombonist and composer Melba Liston, a vital but often neglected figure in the jazz cannon. Informed by extensive research into Liston's archived scores, the work narrates her struggles and victories from her birth in Kansas City to her Los Angeles apprenticeship and mature work on three continents. The piece concludes with Ms. Liston's triumphant return to her birthplace.

Recording: *Melba!* (Origin Records 82637, 2013)

### Technical Requirements/Specs:

Staging and sound support for jazz septet. If outside the Chicago area, we request that you provide drum set and amplifiers for bass and guitar. Regardless of location, please provide a recently tuned grand piano and microphones for piano, saxophones, trumpet and trombone as well as a talk back microphone and at least three monitors (front, piano, and drums). Email for stage plot.

### General Information:

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