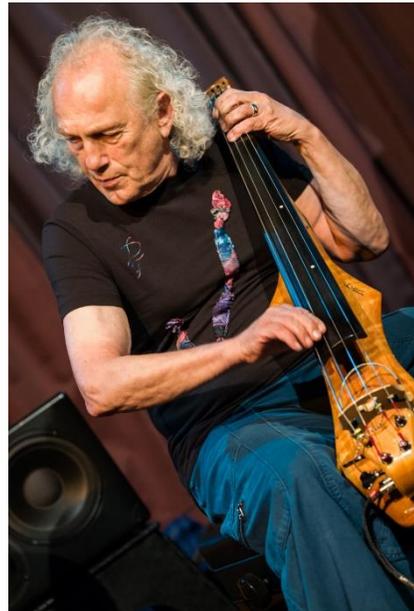


DAVID FRIESEN **BOB RAVENSCROFT**

David Friesen and Bob Ravenscroft will be performing together as part of the Portland Jazz Festival...piano and bass and 2 pianos, playing amazing creative music crafted from their combined 140 years of playing music...and several years of playing together.



Bob Ravenscroft

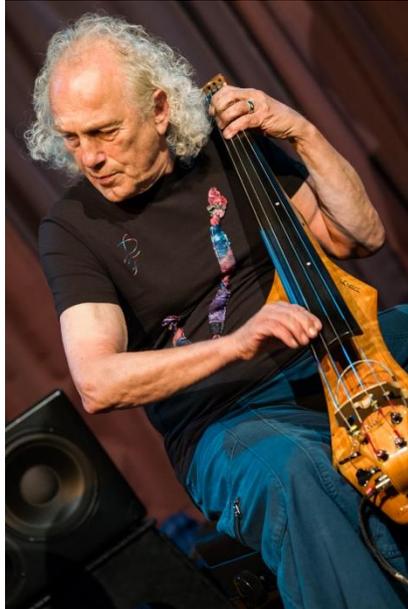


David Friesen

David Friesen-hemage bass, piano www.davidfriesen.net

It's been said of David Friesen that He does for the art of bass playing what Pythagoras did for the triangles **Patrick Hinely/Jazz Times**

David Friesen has recorded over 78 CD's as a leader/ co-leader and appeared as a



sideman or featured artist on more than 100 recordings. He has performed and/ or recorded with many of the great names and legends of jazz including: Stan Getz, Dexter Gordon, Joe Henderson, Sam Rivers, Michael Brecker, Bud Shank, Dizzy Gillespie, Woody Shaw, Freddy Hubbard, Art Farmer, Clark Terry, Joe Venuti, Mal Waldron, Jaki Byard, Kenny Drew Sr., Chick Corea, Milt Jackson, Slim Gaillard, John Scofield, Philly Joe Jones, Elvin Jones, Paul Motian, Jack DeJohnette, Airto Moreira, and many others. He has performed in concert as a soloist (Friesen is one of two or three bassists in the world that is able to play a solo concert and keep an audience riveted) and with his own groups throughout the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, The Netherlands, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Turkey, Poland, Japan,

Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, China, Russia, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Nigeria and the Ukraine.

David Friesen is included in 2 recent separate polls as one of the 100 Greatest Jazz Bassists of all time, and one of 20 of the most influential jazz bassists in the history of jazz.

In 1997 he was nominated for the best jazz bassist in the American Jazz Awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

Friesen was inducted into the Oregon Music Hall of Fame at the first induction ceremony Sept. 2007 and the Oregon Jazz Society Hall of Fame May 2012.

Friesen has written two musical scores for animated shorts, both of which have been Academy Award Nominees



David Friesen's original composition *Playground* placed 2nd in the 2014 International Songwriting Competition with over 18,000 applicants.

Bassist David Friesen is a phenomenon, a player whose musicianship, tone, time and imagination are uncategorizable. **Nat Hentof**

Bob Ravenscroft-piano

Pianist-keyboardist Bob Ravenscroft is an accomplished jazz musician, composer, recording artist, and teacher. Most of Bob's recording activities have been in jazz trio and solo piano formats. Currently, he is concentrating his recording activities on the solo piano idiom and the Inner Journeys Trio. Both settings explore his love of free composition modalities.



However, his newest venture in recording and performance has been in the presentation of "LoveSong" concerts which mix his reading of standard jazz lyrics and other related poetry with both straight-ahead and freestyle solo piano renderings. Bob also records devotionals for the ministry that combine music with readings from the works of leading Christian authors and biblical scholars in a program entitled "Morning Glories".

An able and avid teacher, Bob has served on several university jazz studies faculties over the years. Additionally, he toured for a decade with the Christian ministry "Majesty." Continuing his Christian ministry work, he now devotes much of his time performing with Music Serving the Word Ministries, which he founded. Transcending mere performance, Bob is always in pursuit of that special place where, as he says, "music serves the Word." And his roots go even further back: Ancestor Thomas Ravenscroft composed "The Whole Book" of Psalms in 1621!