

Zan Stewart–Keith Saunders Duo

Zan's and Keith's longtime friendship and musical affinity brings the added dimensions of a strong personal connection and emotional warmth to their musical collaboration. The pair base their repertoire on tunes drawn from the library of Zan's quartet and deliver these tasty items with the same vigor and panache found in the larger band. Despite its size, the duo packs plenty of punch. Keith always provides stimulating accompaniment to Zan's tenor melodies and improvisations, and the saxophonist often plays horn lines to back the pianist's inventive, engaging solos. Each number includes a series of traded phrases, bringing a highly conversational aspect to the performance. The duo is perfect for smaller environments, like house parties, restaurants or coffee houses.