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New Orleans based clarinetist Dr. Ben Redwine feels equally comfortable playing Brahms or Ellington. He is devoted to the performance of new classical music and old jazz, as well as to teaching the next generation of performers and teachers.



Ben served as an Assistant Professor at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC from 2012-2016 and was woodwind professor at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from 2017-2019. In 2014, he retired after 27 years in the US military band system, the majority of time serving as the e-flat clarinet soloist with the US Naval Academy Band in Annapolis, Maryland. He has been a featured soloist at seven International Clarinet Association ClarinetFests in the U.S. and Europe, and has performed extensively on four continents. In 2016, he moved to the New Orleans area to pursue performance opportunities in the birthplace of jazz. Since relocating to Louisiana, he has been a regular performer with the Louisiana Philharmonic and Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestras. In 2022, Ben's bands were featured at the historic Dew Drop Jazz and Social Hall, and at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.



In addition to leading his popular traditional-style jazz band, the Redwine Jazz Band, Ben is a Selmer Paris performing artist, a D'Addario performing artist, and a Rovner Ambassador, presenting concerts and master classes internationally. He has recorded for Mapleshade, Naxos, Vin Rouge, Big Kahuna, Antidote Sounds, and AmCam record labels, and composed and performed new music for 1920s era silent films featuring actors Charley Chase and Harry Langdon, released on DVD box sets by All Day Entertainment. All of Ben's recordings can be found at his website, redwinejazz.com.



In 2022, Ben began serving as the Jazz Coordinator for the Northshore Traditional Music Society, where he leads a monthly jazz jam session in Covington for student, amateur, and professional musicians. In the same year, he was honored by being presented the St Tammany Cultural Affairs Council's Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2023, Ben was appointed as a Commissioner of Cultural Affairs for St Tammany Parish by Parish President Mike Cooper.

Ben earned a bachelor of music education degree from the University of Oklahoma, a master of music degree from Louisiana State University, and a doctorate degree at The Catholic University of America, studying clarinet performance with a minor in Latin American music history. He has studied with Loris Wiles, David Etheridge, Steve Girko, Steve Cohen, Ignatius Gennusa, Ben Armato and Paul Cigan.



## **Redwine Jazz Band**

The Redwine Jazz Band performs popular music from the early part of the twentieth century. Their goal is the promotion, perpetuation, and performance of traditional jazz. The band can consist of two to seven musicians. The core of the band includes Ben, guitarist Tom Mitchell, and bassist John Previti, but can be expanded to a full seven piece traditional jazz band.

