

# The University of Manitoba Jazz Ensemble

Steve Kirby, director

*Cantando Festival  
Winspear Centre, Edmonton  
8:00 pm. April 27, 2009*

*Selections to be announced from the stage.*

## **STEVE KIRBY, DIRECTOR**

Before coming to Winnipeg from New York in 2003, jazz bassist STEVE KIRBY had established an enviable career, performing, recording, and touring with some of the biggest names in jazz, including Elvin Jones, Wynton Marsalis, Cyrus Chestnut, Abbey Lincoln, Steve Turre, James Carter, Slide Hampton, Joe Lovano, Lester Bowie, John Hicks, and many others. He continues to be a busy performer and clinician in both Canada and the US. Kirby is the Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, the artistic director of the Izzy Asper Jazz Performances, advisor to the Groove-FM Jazz Winnipeg Festival, director of the U of M Summer Jazz Camp, and editor of dig! Magazine. In 2008, he and Winnipeg guitarist Larry Roy released *Wicked Grin*, a recording of mostly original music that turned heads across the country. The *Wicked Grin* band is being featured on Canada's 2009 jazz festival circuit.  
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