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Matt Locke Ellis College of Arts and
Sciences

Presents
Guest Recital:
Adam Rapa, *trumpet*

November 14, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Harwood Recital Hall
Russell Fine Arts Center

Program

Little Sunflower	Freddie Hubbard
Welcome	John Coltrane
Resolution	John Coltrane
Stormy Monday	Aaron "T-Bone" Walker
When the Saints Go Marching In	traditional
	Rick Dimond, <i>piano</i> Byron Yancey, <i>bass</i> Bill Halbrook, <i>drums</i>

Mr. Rapa's appearance has been made possible by a grant from the Ellis College Margin of Excellence Fund.

Adam Rapa is a dynamic performer, composer and educator who has become widely known for the excitement, energy and enthusiasm he brings to stages and classrooms around the world.

Rapa was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. He began studying the trumpet at eleven years old, playing professionally at age thirteen and was playing lead trumpet in many of the big bands at Berklee College of Music by sixteen. By the age of eighteen, he had appeared in many jazz festivals around the country and had played at every major jazz club in Boston and many in New York, including the Blue Note.

Adam is grateful to have shared the stage and/or recorded with Grammy Award winners Nicholas Payton & Roy Hargrove, Christian McBride, Doc Severinsen, Mnozil Brass, Soulive, Wycliffe Gordon, Eric Reed, Jason Moran, Robert Glasper, Cyrus Chestnut, Academy Award winning composer A.R. Rahman, and many other great artists over the years.

Rapa frequently travels as a guest performer and clinician at schools around the globe. He was a featured guest artist and adjudicator at the 2008 International Trumpet Guild conference as well as the 2007 & 2008 National Trumpet Competition.

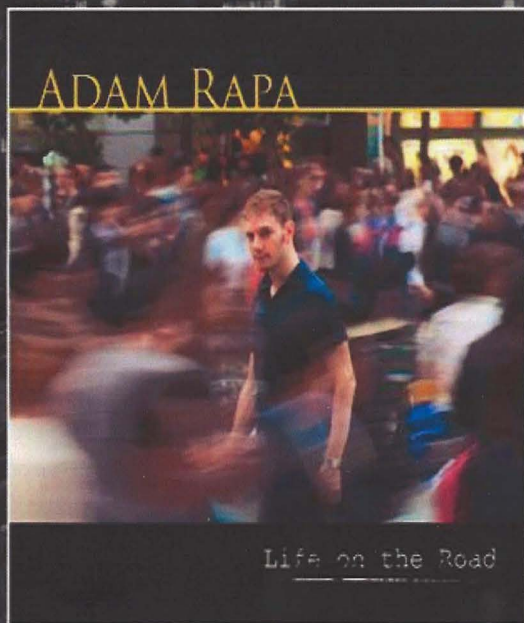
His first solo album, "Life on the Road" has received critical acclaim across the U.S., Europe and Asia for its vast musical diversity, virtuosity and soul. You can download the album on the iTunes store, and hard copies are for sale at today's performance. Your support will help with the expenses of recording his next solo album, which has already begun.... *(Be on the lookout!)*

Adam looks forward to a long career of producing innovative and inspiring musical and theatrical experiences, and contributing to the greater good through the medium of art.

Please visit: www.adamrapa.com

ADAM RAPA

Life on the Road



"Adam Rapa is a jazz wizard...with a seemingly inexhaustible ability to climb higher into the musical stratosphere."

LA Times

"...funny and sexy...trumpeter Adam Rapa works the spotlight..." *San Antonio Express-News*

"...amazing talent...exquisite solos..."

London Theatre Guide Review

"...a musician who could put more-famous horn-blowers to shame..." *Tampa Tribune*

"The featured trumpeter blows at about 212 degrees!"

Green Bay Press-Gazette

"...brilliant display of instrumental prowess..."

Dallas News

"...Rapa's upper register fireworks... brassy nirvana..."

Sacramento Bee

"Adam Rapa plays with an intensity that electrifies the audience." *Philadelphia Courier-Post*

"...a sizzling trumpet soloist..."

Miami Herald

"...bursts of virtuosity..."

Providence Phoenix

"...demonstrated show-stopping, eye-popping skill, justifying the hooting, hollering and shrieking from many in attendance."

San Diego Union Tribune

"...I have never heard a better trumpet solo."

Atlanta Journal