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The Chris Greene Quartet Continue To Add To Chicago's Jazz Heritage

(Chicago, Illinois) - - The Chris Greene Quartet will be releasing their latest album MERGE with a celebration on November 17 at Jazz Showcase at 806 South Plymouth Court at Dearborn Station. This evening will feature two shows at 8 and 10 p.m. with the ensemble performing tracks from their latest album.

The Chris Greene Quartet has been recognized by jazz fans, reviewers and fellow performers as musicians who have taken to heart the heritage of what is America's music genre and have moved it forward into today with originality and creativity. Their new album MERGE is a perfect example of their musical ability and passion with original material combining with traditional and some very non-traditional tracks.

Chris Greene is a music and performing veteran who started playing saxophone at the age of ten. His studies at Indiana University fueled his path to the launch of his professional career at the age of 21. His interest in and influence by blues, gospel, hip-hop and funk led to the development of a sound that's been called "a tight and progressive jazz sound that comes from innovativeness" by renowned drummer and percussionist Kalyan Pathak. Trey Thompson, who has performed with the likes of Joe Cocker and Larry Carlton, remarked that The Chris Greene Quartet "plays strong and there is obvious joy and interplay within the group."

The Chris Greene Quartet has been featured performers at the Chicago area's leading venues for jazz including Chicago Metro, M Lounge, Pete Miller's, Andy's Jazz Club, Red Kiva and Taste Of Chicago. Their style and stage presence lifts jazz fans to new levels of awareness and discovery. The group's interpretations and improvisations have opened the door to jazz that many new fans have walked through. Chris Greene firmly believes that there is heart in his music. He says, "I'd like my music to be a part of someone's life. If they listen to it to get inspired to go to work in the morning, dance around the house or just clean the bathroom, I'd be a happy man."

MERGE translates into music The Chris Greene Quartet way what takes place when two or more objects merge. There's the implication that things were traveling on their own individual paths at their select pace. Yet somehow, whether through attraction or inevitability, these things are inexplicably linked, forming something new and wonderful. Many things in Chris Greene's life merged during the year this new album was being recorded. Among those things was The Chris Greene Quartet merging old school musicianship and recording techniques with newer musical styles and rhythms.

The Chris Greene Quartet features Chris Greene on tenor and soprano saxophones, Damian Espinosa on piano and keyboards, Marc Piane on double bass and Tyrone Blair on drums and percussion. MERGE is the third album released by The Chris Greene Quartet. Previous titles are SOUL AND SCIENCE VOLUME ONE and VOLUME TWO. Before forming The Chris

Greene Quartet, Greene recorded two additional albums.

When asked to share a thought about MERGE Greene replied, “I’m quite proud of the whole album, both as an artistic statement and as a document of a working band in peak form playing from the heart, the gut and the mind simultaneously.”

The Chris Greene Quartet will host and perform at a special album release celebration on November 17, with two shows at 8 and 10 p.m., at Jazz Showcase at 806 South Plymouth Court at Dearborn Station.

(For more information about The Chris Greene Quartet and to arrange interviews visit www.chrisgreenejazz.com)