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Saxophone and piano concert is Thursday at Loretto Motherhouse

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The public is invited to a free saxophone and piano concert at the Loretto Motherhouse Church this Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature saxophonist Michael Tracy, an assistant professor of music education at the University of Louisville School of Music; and pianist Denine LeBlanc, a piano instructor on the preparatory faculty of the U of L School of Music.

A true "Ambassador of Jazz," Tracy is one of America's foremost jazz educators with more than 25 years of performing and teaching experience.

He has traveled throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Japan as a performer and educator. Tracy most recently returned from trips to China and Russia as a representative for jazz education.

At U of L, he teaches saxophone and is director of jazz studies.

His performing career has placed him on stage as a soloist with such stars as Ella Fitzgerald, Buddy Rich, Johnny Mathis,

Marvin Hamlisch, the Four Tops and the Temptations.

He has teamed up with jazz greats Jamey Aebersold, David Liebman, Rufus Reid, David Baker, Jerry Coker, Dan Haerle and Pat La Barbera for concerts and club appearances around the world.

Tracy also has performed and recorded with the Louisville Orchestra in both classical and pop settings. He's the founder of the Louisville Jazz Workshop.

His degrees are from U of L.

Dr. LeBlanc, in her studio at U of L, teaches piano to students of all ages and abilities, including those with special learning challenges.

She is a frequent chamber player, accompanist and performer of new music in the Louisville area.

LeBlanc also is director of music ministries at Holy Family Church in Louisville. She serves as organmaster, choir director, and a teacher of general and choral music in the parish school.

Her degrees are from the Cleveland Institute of Music, U of L, and the College-Conservatory of Music at University of Cincinnati.



Photo by CHARLES PEARL

Saxophonist Michael Tracy and pianist Denine LeBlanc will perform in concert Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Loretto Motherhouse Church. The event, beginning at 7 o'clock, is free to the public.