

# *The Mike Tracy Quintet*

The Mike Tracy Quintet is the headliner for this year's the Big Rock Jazz Fest. The group is a combination of musicians that Mike has recorded and performed with in the past few years. You can expect to hear original tunes with a Brazilian flair as well as some standards. His most recent CD is entitled Wingspan and was released earlier this year.

Mike is the director of the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Studies Program at the University of Louisville, where his responsibilities include teaching saxophone, advising graduate and undergraduate students, and directing the annual Jazz Fest. He has toured extensively around the world, beginning with Jamey Aebersold's Summer Jazz Workshops. All told, he has played and/or taught in 41 countries, including Singapore, Brazil, Estonia, China, and Japan. As a result of his travels he was able to set up musical exchanges with Poland, England, Russia, Brazil, Argentina, and Australia. In the future he is hoping to set up exchange programs with Ecuador and Costa Rica. His efforts have been a huge boon to U of L jazz students, who can study abroad and receive credit from U of L.

The quintet for the Jazz Fest is comprised of Mike Tracy, sax; Renato Vasconcellos, keyboard; Doug Elmore, bass; Craig Wagner, guitar; and Mike Hyman, drums.

