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Steve Treseler is a Seattle-based saxophonist, teaching artist, and author. *DownBeat* calls his music “beautifully crafted ensemble pieces—whether free, through-composed, or somewhere in between.” The Kenny Wheeler tribute project, which Steve leads with renowned trumpeter Ingrid Jensen, was featured on NPR’s *Jazz Night in America*.

Steve grew up in Edmonds, WA and began playing the clarinet in fifth grade band. He got serious about jazz in high school and performed up and down the West Coast with a youth trad jazz band. He continued his education on scholarship at New England Conservatory of Music in Boston where he studied with jazz legends Jerry Bergonzi, Bob Brookmeyer, George Garzone, and Steve Lacy. Steve holds a Master of Music degree in Jazz Studies and Improvised Music from the University of Washington where he studied with avant-garde trumpeter Cuong Vu.

Steve performs and leads creative music workshops across the U.S. He is on faculty at Seattle Pacific University and is the founder of the Game Symphony Workshop, a group improvisation workshop for ensembles. Steve is the author of the Amazon bestseller *Creativity Triggers for Musicians*, *The Living Jazz Tradition: A Creative Guide to Improvisation and Harmony*, and the *Creative Music Blog*.

Steve has released two albums as a leader, *Resonance* and *Center Song* featuring Ingrid Jensen, which received a four-star review in *DownBeat* and made the magazine’s “Best Albums of 2014” list. In 2018, Steve will release two albums as a co-leader: *A Tribute to Kenny Wheeler* with Ingrid Jensen and *The Snow Line Project* with Denver-based pianist Annie Booth.

In addition to leading his own group, Steve is a member of Wayne Horvitz’s Washington Composers Orchestra (WACO), the Tom Varner Nonet, Birch Pereira and the Gin Joints, In Motion Quartet, Zubatto Syndicate, the Jessika Smith Big Band, the Phil Parisot Quartet, and James Falzone’s Renga Ensemble. He has shared the stage with jazz greats Bill Frisell, Dave Douglas, Bob Brookmeyer, Kenny Wheeler, Steve Swallow, Jamie Cullum, Darcy James Argue, Geoffrey Keezer, and Mike Stern.

Steve is a Conn-Selmer endorsing artist.