

Award-winning h2 saxophone quartet to perform at GRAM

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan - The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) will host the award-winning h2 saxophone quartet on Sunday, October 24th at 2:00pm. The h2 quartet will present a diverse program ranging from traditional classical pieces to tango to new music commissioned and premiered by the group.

The h2 quartet has been wowing audiences since 2002. This all-saxophone ensemble has performed throughout the United States, in Europe, and in Asia, in venues from Los Angeles' Walt Disney Hall to the Canker dom in Ljubljana, Slovenia to the Times Center in New York City. In the summer of 2008, h2 released its debut album, *Generations*, on Blue Griffin Records. The ensemble has also been featured on several other national and international releases and released its second recording, *Times & Spaces*, in 2010. The h2 quartet was also featured on a television episode of WKAR's (PBS) *Backstage Pass*, which offers viewers a first-hand look at the inner workings of a top-flight chamber ensemble through live in-studio performances and interviews with the ensemble members.

The h2 quartet has been First Prize Gold Medal winner at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, First Prize winner at the North American Saxophone Alliance Saxophone Quartet Competition, twice First Place winner at the Music Teacher's National Association Chamber Music Competition – Michigan, winner at the Michigan State University Concerto Competition, and First Place winner at the Northwestern University Chamber Music Competition. The h2 quartet was named Honorable Mention at the Plowman Chamber Music Competition and the Chesapeake Bay Chamber Music Competition and finalists at the Coleman Chamber Music Competition.

Geoffrey Deibel, Jonathan Nichol, Kimberly Goddard, and Jeffrey Loeffert comprise the h2 quartet. Members of h2 teach and perform at Alma College, Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University, and Oklahoma State University.

For more information on the h2 quartet, please visit www.h2quartet.com or find the group on myspace, Facebook, or YouTube.