

Mike Steinel

Mike Steinel is a jazz trumpeter, pianist, composer and arranger. An internationally recognized jazz educator, Mike is the author of the highly acclaimed jazz method *Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble* and *Building a Jazz Vocabulary*.

He has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada, and in Europe and Asia. He has appeared as a soloist at the MENC, IAJE, and JEN international conventions, as well as the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. He has recorded with the Rosewood Trio, the Frank Mantooth Orchestra, and the Chicago Jazz Quintet, and is a featured soloist on recent releases by the Mike Waldrop Big Band (2015 and 2018). Steinel's first CD as a leader, "Song and Dance," was released on Origin Records in 2018.

He has performed with Ella Fitzgerald, Clark Terry, Don Ellis, Bill Evans, Zoot Sims, Jerry Bergonzi, and others. Mike has served as Professor of Jazz Studies at the University of North Texas since 1987.

He is the founder and director of the UNT Jazz Combo Workshop, the UNT Jazz Trumpet Workshop, and the UNT Jazz Winds Workshop. Mr. Steinel has served as Co-Chair of the Jazz Advisory Panel for the National Endowment for the Arts and holds a BME degree from Emporia State University and a MME degree from the University of North Texas.