

*music at the Academy*



**Kind of Brilliant**

Jazz ensemble pays homage to Miles Davis

The renowned "Intentional Jazz" quintet will kick off the Spencertown Academy's 2017 concert season on April 8 at 7:30 pm with a celebration of Miles Davis' legendary album, Kind of Blue.

Recorded in 1959, Kind of Blue became an overnight classic and remains the best-selling jazz album ever. It's not hard to understand why, notes Intentional Jazz founder Rob Fisch, who joined forces with Craig Bender to bring music back to the Academy last year.

**Genius at work**

"The recorded performance was effervescent," Rob says. "Several of the selections, such as All Blues and Blue in Green, are still commonly performed by jazz musicians everywhere. But the real genius, perhaps, was in Miles Davis' ability to bring together artists like Bill Evans, Jimmy Cobb, Paul Chambers, John Coltrane, Cannonball Adderly, and Wynton Kelly." Writes music critic Fred Kaplan, "Even people who say they don't like jazz like Kind of Blue. It's cool, romantic, melancholic, and gorgeously melodic."

The idea of using "Intentional Jazz" as a brand "is meant to convey the absolute passion and commitment to an art form—jazz—that takes many years, even a lifetime, to understand and perform," Rob explains. "In other words, play it like you really mean it! It's that simple."

Last year, Intentional Jazz opened a new music series at the Academy featuring music of the "Blue Note" era, with sextet arrangements typified by such jazz luminaries as John Coltrane and Art Blakey. In addition to Rob on trumpet, the April 8 concert will feature Charlie Tokarz (saxophone, clarinet and flute), John Esposito (piano), Rich Syracuse (bass), and Jeff McRae (drums).

General admission tickets (\$20/\$10 for students) may be purchased in advance at [spencertownacademy.org](http://spencertownacademy.org) and at the door.

*what's coming up*



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**Intentional Jazz Ensemble**

Celebrating Miles Davis' "Kind of Blue"

Saturday, April 8, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$20



THE GALLERY

**Members Gallery Show**

Works in all media by 40+ Academy member artists.

April 22-May 7

Opening reception:

Saturday, April 22, 4-6pm



THE GALLERY

**Garden Show: Art from Farm to Table**

An invitational multimedia show featuring the work of accomplished regional artists.

May 20-June 18

Opening reception:

Saturday, May 20, 4-6pm

**Twilight in the Garden Party**

June 16, 6-9pm

Watch for details



**Hidden Gardens <sup>2017</sup> Artful Landscapes**

Saturday, June 17

Lecture & breakfast: 8:30-10am

Garden Market: 9am-3pm

Self-guided tour: 10am-4pm