

Old World Bandstand

This ensemble will specialize in improvisation in the old style varying motivic cells in a tune through the "Simon Says" method. Students will learn accompaniment lines, ornamentation, alto, tenor and bass lines, fills and turnarounds as well as techniques for combining tunes in suites to facilitate dances, culminating in a multi-level suite. They will tackle techniques for on-the-spot arranging, learn secrets for creating and maintaining energy and develop useful bandstand communication techniques. Veretski Pass will also address the issues that affect working and playing musicians. Through a series of provocative and fun exercises, musicians will explore issues such as: On the spot arrangement; Secrets for creating and maintaining energy; Communication techniques; Who's in charge? Spontaneous combustion and train wrecks.