

## MAN SIZE SAFE \_\_\_\_\_ BAND BIOS

**Trumpeter Ron Horton** has performed and/or recorded with Andrew Hill, Jane Ira Bloom, Frank Kimbrough, Bill Mays, Andy Laster, Mark Reboul and Walter Thompson. His CDs as a leader include *Genius Envy* (Omnitone Records), *Subtextures* and *Everything in a Dream* (Fresh Sounds New Talent). Ron also appears with Andrew Hill on *Dusk* and *A Beautiful Day* (Palmetto Records), and with the Herbie Nichols Project on *Love is Proximity*, *Dr. Cyclops' Dream* (both on Soul Note Records) and *Strange City* (Palmetto Records).

**Saxophonist/composer/arranger Michael Blake** has released 8 albums under his own name and has performed and recorded with The Lounge Lizards, Steven Bernstein, Oliver Lake and Grachon Moncour III.. Michael's most recent recordings include an All-Canadian based work entitled *Amor de Cosmos* (Songlines Records) and *Slow Poke at Home* (Palmetto Records). His European band Blake Tartare is driven by a Danish rhythm section with whom he has recorded two critically acclaimed albums. Their new release is a tribute to the under appreciated sax legend Lucky Thompson called *The World Awakes/A Tribute To Lucky Thompson* (Stunt Records).

**Guitarist Steve Cardenas**, originally from Kansas City, MO has performed with Eddie Harris, Marilyn Maye, Jay McShann, and Nora Jones and is a regular member of the Paul Motian Band, Charlie Haden's Liberation Music Orchestra and Joey Baron's group Killer Joey. His CDs as a leader include *Panoramic* and *Shebang*, (Fresh Sounds New Talent). Steve transcribed the complete works of jazz legend Thelonious Monk for a book entitled *The Thelonious Monk Fakebook* (Hal Leonard Publishing) which marks the first time of all of Monk's compositions, including several unrecorded works, have been published together in one volume.

**Drummer Michael Sarin** has performed, toured, and recorded with musicians Ray Anderson, Tim Berne, Thomas Chapin, Marty Ehrlich, Mark Helias, Lee Konitz, Bobby Previte, Ned Rothenberg, and John Zorn. He is currently touring and recording with Anthony Coleman's Sephardic Tinge, the Dave Douglas String Group, Myra Melford's The Same River Twice, and Brad Shepik. Michael has toured extensively with Ben Allison's groups Peace Pipe, Medicine Wheel and Kush Trio and appears on the albums *Buzz* and *Peace Pipe* (Palmetto Records).