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A Sudden Sentence In The Air

Jazz Poems by Geoff Page

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This is Page's poetic tribute to his love of jazz.

A Sudden Sentence In The Air will be launched to the mellow tones of a bass player at the Wangaratta Jazz Festival by jazz pianist, Mike Nock, at 6 -7pm on Friday 28 October 2011 in the Wangaratta Library.

"If jazz could be written down in words, then this is it! Spirited, insightful, spontaneous; yet so cleverly constructed that every phrase delights and intrigues, revealing both unexpected and familiar truths about music and life." —Sandy Evans

In this beautifully designed book, US greats Oscar Peterson, Hampton Hawes, the lanky Bill Evans, Bud Powell, Dexter Gordon and the smooth Paul Desmond come to life alongside our own legends: Joe 'Be-Bop' Lane, Bernie McGann and the El Rocco.

This collection promises to be a hit now that the poem 'A Manual of Style', about Australian alto sax legend Bernie McGann has been selected for *Best Australian Poems 2011* (Black Inc.).

About Geoff Page:



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An award winning poet, Page has published 16 poetry collections, two novels, three verse novels, several anthologies, translations and a biography of jazz musician, Bernie McGann. Page's awards include the ACT Poetry Award, the Grace Leven Prize, the Queensland Premier's Prize for Poetry, Christopher Brennan Award and the 2001 Patrick White Literary Award. Selections from his work have been translated into Chinese, German, Serbian, Slovenian and Greek, and he has travelled the world giving poetic appearances in Switzerland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Britain, Italy, Serbia, Slovenia, Austria, Hungary, Singapore, China, the United States and New Zealand.

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