

The Michael Bard Jazz Collective

Michael Bard has been playing the saxophone since he was 8 years old after being bewitched by the sounds of the jazz greats, notably Charlie Parker, Dexter Gordon, John Coltrane, and Sonny Rollins.

He has performed with the New York All-State Jazz Ensemble and The University of Michigan Jazz Group as well as several smaller jazz combos in the Ann Arbor area. Over the course of his career, he has played with the Temptations, the rhythm and blues band, Incognito and has worked in groups with Phil Woods, trumpeter Tom Hagans and bassist Steve Laspina. His teachers include Eric Alexander, Dave Tofani, Bob Sheppard and Joel Frahm.

In addition to this musical journey, he is a physician in Danbury. He has been living in Redding for more than 20 years.

Expect to hear an eclectic mix of Bop, Afro-Cuban, Latin, Straight Ahead, Modern and Fusion jazz styles. He will be joined by some of the top jazz musicians of the Greater New York area who will bring their own talents and experiences to the concert. David Morgan, another Reddingite and world class pianist will be joining him as well as NY heavyweights Brian Glassman on bass and Joe Strasser, hailing originally from Bethel, on drums.