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Don Braden previews new album 'Earth, Wind and Wonder' at the Music in the Moonlight Jazz Series at Luna Stage on Sunday April 30th at 7pm.

Saxophonist Don Braden has been music director of the Litchfield (CT) Jazz Camp for nearly two decades. At the 2016 camp, he introduced his jazz arrangement of music from Earth & Fire and Stevie Wonder. Entitled "Earth, Wind & Wonder", it was performed by the LJC staff. That inspired Braden to produce a CD of the music, which will be released in the fall.

Attendees at the April 30th "Music in the Moonlight" concert at Luna Stage in West Orange will be treated to a preview of that album, performed by Braden's quartet, although he says, "I may add a couple of additional horn players since some of the CD will have that sextet configuration."

Tickets for the 7pm concert on Sunday April 30th are \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door. To order tickets, call (973) 395-5551 or log onto [lunastage.org](http://lunastage.org).

Don Braden is a Jazz musician of the highest caliber. For over 30 years he has toured the world leading his own ensembles on saxophone and flute, as a special guest, and as a sideman with Jazz greats Betty Carter, Wynton Marsalis, Freddie Hubbard, Tony Williams, Roy Haynes, and many others. He has composed music for ensembles ranging from duo to full symphonic orchestra, in many styles, for recordings (including 19 CDs as a leader and over 80 as a sideman), film, and the television networks Nickelodeon and CBS.

Braden is a leading arranger of contemporary standards, and has built a solid collection of newer American songs into his Jazz repertoire. He is also a world-renowned educator, having spent over two decades giving master classes at countless schools and universities, and running first class educational programs such as the Litchfield Jazz Camp, NJPAC's Wells Fargo Jazz For Teens, and most recently, the Harvard University Monday Jazz Band. More information on Don Braden is available at [www.DonBraden.com](http://www.DonBraden.com).

According to All About Jazz's Dan Bilawsky, Braden "creates accessible music built atop the pillars of wit, honesty, swing, and heart and delivers music that alternately cooks, calms, struts, and soars."

Luna Stage is a small but mighty professional theatre company located in Essex County, NJ, just under 15 miles from New York City. Throughout the past 24 years, the company has earned a national reputation for developing and producing outstanding new plays and timely revivals and for taking on challenging and provocative subject matters in their work.

The Music in the Moonlight Jazz Series, currently in its sixth season, is curated by New Jersey Jazz Society Board member Sandy Josephson. The Music in the Moonlight Jazz Series is sponsored by The Bob Cole Family Fund in memory of the great 20th century composer.

A proud member of Valley Arts, Luna Stage is located at 555 Valley Road, West Orange, NJ 07052. The theatre is handicapped accessible and offers assistive listening devices.