

Masterclass with Internationally Renowned Saxophonist Ernie Watts

Free and open to all!

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025 | 4:30pm - 5:45 pm

McAninch Arts Center, Room 138
College of DuPage | 425 Fawell Blvd, Glen Ellyn



Ernie Watts, a two-time Grammy Award-winning saxophonist, is celebrated as one of the most versatile and expressive voices in modern jazz. Performing professionally since age 16, he has appeared on over 500 recordings with artists such as Cannonball Adderley, Aretha Franklin, and Frank Zappa. Known for his rich tone and melodic style, Watts received the prestigious Frankfurt Music Prize in 2014 for his influence on generations of musicians. After releasing 15 albums, he founded Flying Dolphin Records in 2004 with his wife, Patricia, to create music on his own terms. The label has produced acclaimed albums including *Wheel of Time*, *A Simple Truth*, and *Oasis*, showcasing his range from blues and calypso to post-bop and lyrical ballads. A longtime member of Charlie Haden's Quartet West, Watts continues to tour internationally, teach, and perform, dedicated to using music as a unifying force that connects people through shared harmony and spirit. Learn more at www.erniewatts.com