

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Creative Music Works returns to turn live music on its ear with Matt Skellenger and Ron Miles**

**Denver** – Creative Music Works returns to action after a two year hiatus with a benefit concert; “Turning Live Music On Its Ear 2011” featuring local Denver jazz favorite Matt Skellenger Group at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 22nd at Dazzle Jazz, 930 Lincoln St in Denver.

“We are all excited to work with Creative Music Works and Dazzle for this show,” said Skellenger. “Creative Music Works has a critical role to play to ensure an energetic local music scene that supports bringing adventurous music to Colorado and supporting local innovators.”

Creative Music Works, founded in 1989, returns with a reorganized and energetic new board of directors. The newly reformed group already has two cutting-edge shows lined up in 2011 to follow the benefit concert including legendary guitarist Marc Ribot on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Oriental Theater and jazz titan and pianist Matthew Shipp at Dazzle on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Farrell Lowe, a frequent past concert performer and curator of 2007's Colorado Creative Music Series, has assumed the role of Board President of the reorganized group, which began meeting again in March of 2010 with a goal of presenting a 2011 concert season featuring local and national touring acts. The group has plans for a 4 concert 2011 season, and hopes to develop a series of shows featuring locally-based artists also.

“We have a vibrant and capable new board of directors taking us into the new season, and we have a number of wonderful artists with which we are negotiating at this time for inclusion in the upcoming year of performances,” said Lowe in a letter to the community.”

“Going in to this spring, we are continuing in the massive footprints left by founder Alex Lemski and the others who willingly and unselfishly followed in his wake. Our intention is to continue in that great tradition and to evolve the organization into a new century,” continued Lowe.

Skellenger and his band promise to bring an exciting performance for Creative Music Work’s re-launch and will feature music from his 2009 release “Parentheticals” on the Denver-based Synergy Music as well as material from his 2003 recording “On My Way Home.”

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Creative Music Works connects artists to audiences, while working to inspire, educate, and challenge listeners and to cultivate the role of jazz, improvisation, and experimental music in today's culture. Creative Music Works is a Colorado-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit [www.CreativeMusicWorks.org](http://www.CreativeMusicWorks.org).