

## News Release

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*Creative Music Works and Dazzle Jazz present*

# **The Matthew Shipp Trio**

*Celebrated pianist and jazz innovator **Matthew Shipp** brings his trio to Denver, featuring **Michael Bisio** on bass and **Whit Dickey** on drums.*

The Matthew Shipp Trio will perform on Friday, 15 July, 2011 for two shows, 7 and 9 PM, at Dazzle, 930 Lincoln St. in Denver. Tickets are \$16.00 for Creative Music Works members and students with ID and \$20.00 for general admission. Tickets are available on the Dazzle website: [www.dazzlejazz.com](http://www.dazzlejazz.com) or by phone at 303-839-5100.

In a 1999 interview, Shipp had this to say about where he fits in the spectrum of composers and pianists: *"...the jazz avant-garde seems like you can incorporate anything into it, like a melting pot, within your own style. I personally have grown up listening to a lot of different things and have been influenced by a lot of different things. **I approach the music as music, not as the various genres. So, I'm not trying to make a music that's a mixture of this or that, but a lot of this or that is in it.**"*

Shipp has played with many greats in jazz and new music, including David S. Ware, William Parker, DJ Spooky, and Roscoe Mitchell. His performances as leader and sideman have been recorded on more than 50 albums over the past 20 years. This trio, with Michael Bisio on bass and Walt Dickey on drums, is known for their remarkably intricate interplay and dazzling live performances. Shipp's powerful playing connects directly to the playing of Bud Powell, Thelonious Monk, and Cecil Taylor, yet his playing is lyrical, introspective, and fully of the 21st century.

Michael Bisio, on bass, has played on more than 60 recordings since his career began in 1980, with Joe McPhee and Tomas Ulrich, amongst many others. Drummer Whit Dickey, who played with Shipp in David S. Ware's highly-regarded Quartet, has also recorded 6 albums as a leader, and has played with Roy Campbell, Jr. and Mat Maneri.

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