

Marty Ashby is the Executive Producer of MCG Jazz, a program of the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG). MCG is a multi-disciplined center for arts and learning that complements traditional humanities education with studio-based art and performance programs that serve as a catalyst to academic achievement. Over the past 23 years at MCG, Marty has produced 2,000 concerts and 40 recordings on the MCG Jazz label, including four GRAMMY® Award winners. A new series of educational DVDs produced from the MCG archive launched last year. The mission of MCG Jazz is to preserve, present and promote Jazz. In addition to MCG, Marty has been an artistic advisor and producer for jazz concerts and festivals around the country for over 28 years and has been a strong advocate for developing a broad-based initiative to expand the audience for jazz and increase new public/private partnerships for the music. As a guitarist, Marty has performed and recorded with Slide Hampton, Claudio Roditi, Nancy Wilson, Paquito D'Rivera, Herbie Mann, Phil Woods, The Dizzy Gillespie™ All-Star Big Band and others. He is currently finishing an educational book/CD entitled: "Barney Kessel's Art of Guitar Trio".