

Dahlke Short Bio

Saxophonist **Andrew Dahlke** is especially known for his abilities as an interpreter of Western European classical music and as a fluent jazz improviser. He has performed extensively across the United States and in South Korea and China. Andrew is “first call” saxophonist with the **Philadelphia Orchestra** and frequently appears at the **Aspen Music Festival**.

As a former member of the Capitol Quartet, Andrew toured across the United States, performing recitals and numerous featured orchestra concerts including return engagements with the **Indianapolis and Baltimore Symphonies**. With the quartet, Andrew released two CDs: “Flex” and “Balance.” The quartet’s commission and recording of the piece “Balance” by composer Carter Pann was a **finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in music**. “The first time I heard the Capitol Quartet during a concert in Grusin five years ago, I knew I wanted to write a piece for them,” Pann recalls. “I was so inspired by them that I found myself practically beating down the door to the green room after the concert, telling them I wanted to compose something for them.”

Andrew’s **two-CD release of J. S. Bach’s Solo Cello Suites on soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones** in 2015 is a “first of its kind” recording, and was hailed by Audiophile Audition as “a wonderful and inspirational listening experience.” Andrew recently released the CD “Anime” with pianist Anne Breeden, a recording of beautiful music for soprano saxophone and piano with works by J. S. Bach, Rodney Rogers, Poulenc, Ravel and Villa-Lobos.

In the summer of 2015 Andrew toured China with the Global Saxophone Quartet, a group formed by Andrew consisting of former graduate students. The tour was sponsored by a **U.S. State Department Cultural Arts Grant from the U.S. Embassy in Beijing**. The group performed and taught in Beijing, Tianjin, and Wuhan.

Andrew is Professor of Saxophone at the **University of Northern Colorado** where his program is known for its flexibility and broad range of musical options open to students. His students have achieved successful careers in a multitude of pursuits.