

Matt Olson, Saxophonist

Conn-Selmer and D'Addario Endorsing Artist **Matt Olson** is Professor of Saxophone and Director of Jazz Studies at Furman University. He holds degrees from the University of Illinois and Northwestern University. He has performed with Randy Brecker, Chris Potter, Kurt Elling, Benny Carter, Wayne Bergeron, Jeff Coffin, Jason Marsalis, Byron Stripling, John Fedchock, Wycliffe Gordon, Ryan Keberle, Doc Severinsen, Manhattan Transfer, Aretha Franklin, Natalie Cole, Bernadette Peters, Lou Rawls, Ben Folds, the Temptations, the Four Tops, the Chicago Jazz Ensemble, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, among others. He is a founding member and co-leader of the *Unhinged* Sextet, who have two recordings on OA2 Records – *Clarity* (2015) and *Don't Blink* (2017). His next solo recording, *789 Miles*, is due for a June 2019 release, also on OA2 Records. He has been a guest artist at high schools, universities, and jazz festivals around the country. Matt is also active as a clinician and adjudicator, including presenting clinics at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic and the Jazz Education Network Conference. His work has been published by *Downbeat* magazine, *The Saxophone Symposium*, and Walrus Music.

