



Dick Oatts was raised in a musical family in Iowa. He was introduced to the saxophone by his father Jack Oatts, a respected jazz educator and saxophonist. After high school, Dick attended Drake University and in 1972 he began his professional career in Minneapolis/St. Paul. It was 1977 when Oatts decided to move to New York City. His big band and larger group experience include performances with the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Mel Lewis, Carnegie Hall Jazz Band, Lester Bowie, Joe Lovano, Sam Jones-Tom Harrell, Paquito D`Rivera, Jim McNeely, Tito Puente, Kenny Wheeler, and Gunther Schuller. He has recorded solos for pop artists Luther Vandross, James Taylor, and Everything But the Girl. He is a Steeplechase recording artist and has released 5 cd's: All of Three, Standard Issue, Simone`s Dance, Standard Issue vol. 2, South Paw. For 30 years, Mr. Oatts has appeared at college jazz festivals as a soloist and clinician throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Canada, South America, and the Middle East. Prior to his appointment at Boyer College of Music and Dance at Temple University, Professor Oatts was a member of the Manhattan School of Music Faculty since 1989 and an artist-in-residence at the Amsterdam Conservatory since 1997.

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