

# Gary Walters

## American Jazz & Popular Music Styles



*Gary Walters, Educator, Composer, Performance Artist*

### **Educator of -American Jazz, Classical & Popular American Music**

Gary Walters holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Ball State University and a Master of Music in Composition from Butler University. He is currently a faculty member of Butler University's School of Music in Indianapolis Indiana, where he has taught applied jazz piano since 2000.

Gary is a passionate educator of musical style, composition, theory and performance. He has taught music to major and non major music students at the High School, University and continuing adult education levels.

In recent years, Gary has developed and implemented an introductory jazz piano course for non-majors, was

appointed director of Butler University Jazz Band. He also teaches Music Theory for Media Arts as well as teaches one-on-one American Jazz theory, improvisation and performance .

### **Composer and Performance Artist**

Gary has always maintained an active performing career, working in a variety of musical genres, with his first love being jazz. He has performed with and led a variety of performing jazz combos

He is a founding member of The Icarus Ensemble, an eclectic 5 piece group performing original material written by Gary and other members of the group in a unique presentation of an intersection of classical and jazz music forms. He is a much sought

after player in the Midwestern United States and regularly performs with The Indianapolis Symphony and Pops Orchestra. He is currently working on his own recorded collection of original jazz compositions.

### **With Carrie Newcomer**

For the past five years Gary has toured extensively throughout the United States with Grammy recipient, Rounder Records recording artist Carrie Newcomer. His piano and organ contributions can be heard on Carrie's last three internationally released recordings, and has been an integral part of creating the American roots meets classical and pop musical sound of these works. He has performed with Carrie as a duo and