



## Contemporary Jazz Icons Spyro Gyra at the WJCT Soundstage on February 28, 2021

**Jacksonville, Fla. (June 22, 2020)** – The Florida Theatre, in partnership with WJCT, is pleased to announce Spyro Gyra live at the WJCT Soundstage on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

With a career spanning over 40 years, the jazz fusion band **Spyro Gyra** have over 30 albums and 10 million copies sold to their name, including two big pop hits, “Shaker Song” and “Morning Dance.” Combining elements of jazz, R&B, funk and pop, they pioneered the smooth jazz format, earning several GRAMMY nominations along the way.

Spyro Gyra is an unlikely story of a group with humble beginnings in Buffalo, NY who has continued to reach an international audience, having played over five thousand shows on five continents. Their accomplishments can be credited to their forward-thinking approach and tireless work ethic, always challenging themselves to do something new while never resting on past success. It’s proven to be a recipe for longevity for this jazz group, while music has gone in and out of styles in ever shorter cycles.

“My hope is that our music has the same effect on the audience that it does on me,” says group leader Jay Beckenstein. “I’ve always felt that music, and particularly instrumental music, has this non-literal quality that lets people travel to a place where there are no words. Whether it’s touching their emotions or connecting them to something that reminds them of something much bigger than themselves, there’s this beauty in music that’s not connected to sentences. It’s very transportive. I would hope that when people hear our music or come to see us, they’re able to share that with us.”

**The historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming events or to buy tickets visit the Theatre’s official website, [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com).**

**EVENT:** Spyro Gyra  
**DATE:** Sunday, February 28, 2021  
**LOCATION:** WJCT Soundstage, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**TICKET PRICE:** \$74.50  
**MEMBER PRESALE:** Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10 a.m.  
**E-CLUB PRESALE:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 9 a.m.  
**PUBLIC ON SALE:** Friday, June 26, 2020 at 10 a.m.  
**WEBSITES:** [www.spyrogyra.com](http://www.spyrogyra.com); [www.floridatheatre.com](http://www.floridatheatre.com);  
[www.wjct.org/locations/wjct-soundstage](http://www.wjct.org/locations/wjct-soundstage)  
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