

James Scully

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Jim Scully is a composer, performer and educator in the fields of contemporary classical music, electroacoustic music and jazz studies. He has been contributing his diverse talents to the music scene in Bakersfield, California for over 20 years.

Scully holds degrees in music from CSU Bakersfield (B.A. in Music) and UC Irvine (M.F.A. in Music) and has taught music at the collegiate level at Bakersfield College, UC Irvine and now, CSU Bakersfield. He has served as Director of the Bakersfield College Jazz Ensemble and Director of the UC Irvine Community Jazz Ensemble. Currently, he is a full-time member of the CSU Bakersfield music faculty where he teaches an array of courses in the fields of Music Theory, Jazz Studies and Music Technology and serves as Founding Director of the CSUB Guitar Ensemble, Director of Small Jazz Ensembles and as Producer/Director of the CSUB Jazz Coffeehouse Concert Series that features small jazz ensembles under his tutelage.

Scully plays such traditional instruments as the guitar, electric bass and piano and also makes music on Apple computers using Logic Pro and various software samples. He has appeared, collaborated, or worked with Dr. Keith Calmes, Kris Tiner, Kyle Burnham, Kenny Burrell, Eric Marienthal, Billy Childs, Carl Allen, Kei Akagi, Paul Cierley, Charles Owens, Laura Porter, Mandy Rees and the CSUB Theatre Department, and many others.

Scully's works have been performed at various venues throughout the United States, including the Electro-Acoustic Juke Joint on the campus of Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, the United Parish Church of Brookline in Massachusetts, The Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival in Berkeley, California and aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California as part of the Music Association of California Community Colleges Conference in October of 2000. Other performances of his works have been hosted by the Bakersfield Symphony New Direction Concerts, Bakersfield Jazz Festival, CSU Bakersfield Jazz Coffeehouse Concerts, UC Irvine Composers' Concert, Bakersfield Student Composers' Concerts and CSU Bakersfield Theatre for New Voices.

Scully has also led or co-led numerous small jazz groups including the Jim Scully Group, Jim Scully Trio, Jim Scully/Kris Tiner Band, the Bodfish All-Stars the Jenn Neil Group and the Speedy Neptune Project.