

MUSIC IN THE PAVILION  
PRESENTS

# ODEAN POPE



**NOVEMBER 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

*pre-concert lecture by Odean Pope - 6:15 PM*

Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center - Class of 1978 Orrery Pavilion



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EPITOME

TO THE ROACH

CIS

MINOR INFRACTIONS

CENTRAL PARK WEST

PHRYGIAN LOVE THEME

GIANT STEPS

PRINCE LA SHA

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COLTRANE TIME

## PERFORMERS

**ODEAN POPE**

*Leader*

*1st Tenor Saxophone*

**LOUIS TAYLOR**

*1st Alto Saxophone*

**ROBERT LANDHAM**

*2nd Alto Saxophone*

**BILL MURRAY**

*3rd Alto Saxophone*

**TERRY LAWSON**

*2nd Tenor Saxophone*

**GENE GHEE**

*3rd Tenor Saxophone*

**JOE SUDLER**

*Baritone Saxophone*

**TOM LAWSON**

*Piano*

**LEE SMITH**

*Upright Bass*

**CRAIG MCIVER**

*Drums*

## ABOUT ODEAN POPE

Odean Pope is one of the founding fathers of Philadelphia Jazz. He is an internationally acclaimed composer, arranger, educator, and performer. Mr. Pope came from from Ninety-Six, South Carolina, and from the age of ten grew up and played in jazz rich Philadelphia with the likes of Coltrane, the Heath brothers, McCoy Tyner, Lee Morgan, Bill and Kenny Barron, Ray Bryant, Benny Golson, Jimmy Garrison, Archie Shepp, and Philly Joe Jones, among many others.

Mr. Pope has led two musical lives. For almost thirty years he toured the world with the great Max Roach and with his own groups, including his well known and unique Saxophone Choir, Trio, and Octet. He also kept Philadelphia as his home base. He helped create the Model Cities Cultural Program in the Philadelphia schools as well as the jazz program in The Settlement Music School. He has mentored numerous musicians and continues to give workshops and master classes.

Musically, Mr Pope is known for his use of circular breathing and multi-phonics. The unique Odean Pope Saxophone Choir was influenced by the big sound of the Baptist church choir of his childhood. His sonorous sound and deep harmonies are one of a kind.

Mr. Pope has an impressive discography of 19 CDs, plus four with Max Roach. "Catalyst," an innovative recording that has become a cult favorite, was recently reissued. "Odean's List," "Universal Sound," and "Odean's Three" are his newest releases.

Mr Pope has been awarded numerous citations from the City of Philadelphia, The Pew Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation, Chamber Music of America, the Artist of the City Award from The Painted Bride, and the Mellon Living Legacy Award.