



# Sharel Cassity

Saxophonist, Bandleader,  
Educator

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## About

Saxophonist, Woodwindist, Composer & Educator Sharel Cassity is a musician on the New York, Chicago and international jazz scenes. Listed as "Rising Star Alto Saxophone" in Downbeat Magazine for the past 9 consecutive years, Sharel has appeared on the Today Show, earned her MA from The Juilliard School under full scholarship, won the 2007 ASCAP Young Jazz Composers Award & has been inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. Cassity has shared the stage with jazz luminaries including Herbie Hancock, Wynton Marsalis & the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra; as well as mainstream artists Aretha Franklin, Natalie Merchant, Vanessa Williams & Trisha Yearwood. She has released four albums as a bandleader and appeared on over 30 as a sideman, toured 24 countries and performed at leading venues like the Newport Jazz Festival, Monterey Jazz Festival & the North Sea Jazz Festival. Recently relocated to the Chicago area with her husband and son, Cassity is currently a professor of saxophone and piano at Elgin Community College in Elgin, IL; Columbia College and DePaul University in Chicago, IL. Sharel is a proud Vandoren Performing Artist.

**"Sharel Cassity has the potential to be one of the leaders of this genre's next generation"**

**--All About Jazz**

**"Cassity plays alto and soprano with a seriously soulful tone that's impressive enough to stop a roomful of seasoned jazz fans in their tracks "-- Downbeat**

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## Stage Plot

- 1 acoustic piano or other keyboard as discussed
- Drum set: Yamaha Maple Custom. 18", 12", 14", Three boom cymbal stands. Snare Drum. All other necessary hardware.

## Tech Rider

- 1 Talk Mic
- 1 alto saxophone mic
- 1 soprano saxophone mic
- 1 piano mic
- 2 overhead drum set mics if needed
- 1 acoustic bass amp
- 4 monitors
- 2 music stands
- Access to an electrical outlet

For smaller rooms, monitors and drum mics not needed



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Saxophone Journal, cover story



Jazz Times, feature on "Evolve"



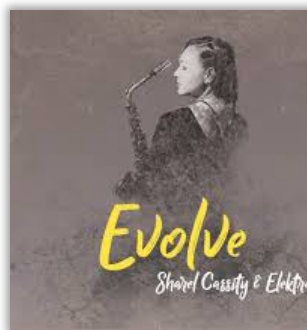
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"Evolve", Sharel Cassidy Relsha Music 2018



"Manhattan Romance", Sharel Cassidy Venus Records, 2014



"Relentless", Sharel Cassidy Jazz Legacy Productions 2008



"Just for You", Sharel Cassidy DW Records, 2007

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