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**David Braid Sextet's ZHEN CD Promotional Tour –
Feb 22-23, 2007, The Rex, Toronto**

In September, David Braid launched his third Sextet CD, ZHEN: The David Braid Sextet Live Vol. II, following his 2005 Juno Award win for Traditional Jazz Album of the Year. The latest CD was recorded live at the Top o' the Senator in 2005 -- the last recording made before the closing of the historic jazz venue in Toronto. The Sextet will promote the CD on February 22 and 23, 2007 at 9:30 p.m. at The Rex Hotel Jazz & Blues Bar (194 Queen St. West, info@therex.ca or (416) 598-2475).

With Braid as leader, pianist and composer, the ensemble comprises the international talents of Terry Clarke, Mike Murley, Steve Wallace, Gene Smith and John MacLeod.

This recording is a tribute to the great live jazz recordings as it prioritizes the enjoyment of jazz made in the moment. This explains the inspiration for the title ZHEN (djen), borrowed from the Chinese expression for real, which is the root character to express such concepts as genuine, sincere, or 'the real situation.' The recording engages with six distinct Braid originals and concludes with his surprising reworking of John Coltrane's composition, Giant Steps. The apparent eclectic mixes of musical inspirations are connected together by the common roots which exercise melody, harmony and form to inspire improvisation.

For more information on ZHEN, visit:

http://www.davidbraid.com/pressreleases/Zhen_MBQtour.pdf

To read the CD reviews, visit <http://www.davidbraid.com/press.php>

To purchase the CD, visit <http://www.davidbraid.com/recordings.php>. The CD will also be available for sale on iTunes beginning January 2007.

More about David Braid and his Sextet: <http://www.davidbraid.com/>

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