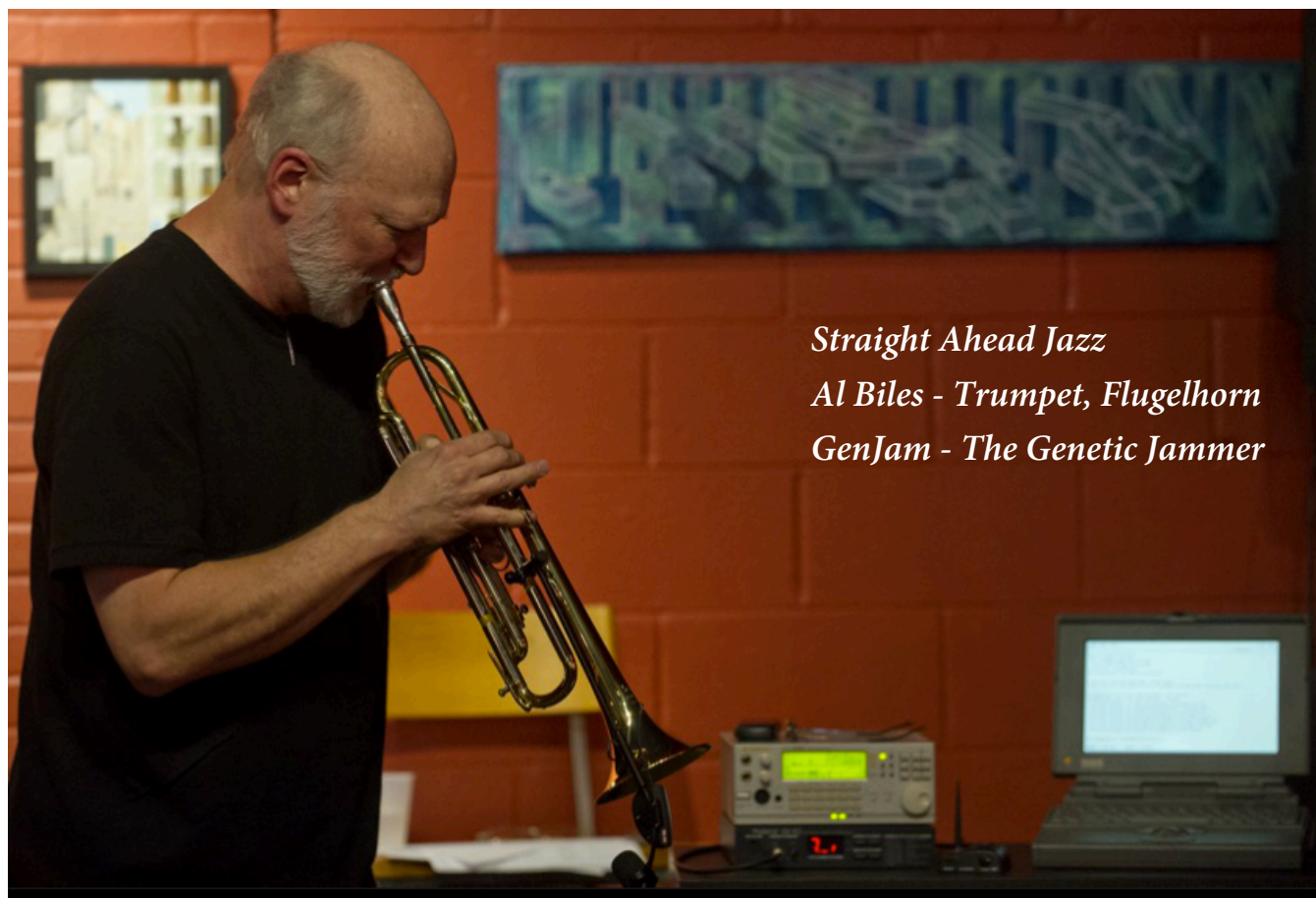


# Al Biles & GenJam

## The Virtual Quintet



*Straight Ahead Jazz*

*Al Biles - Trumpet, Flugelhorn*

*GenJam - The Genetic Jammer*

### *Live improvised musical conversations*

Jazz is an improvised art form - the players make it up as they go and play off of what each other plays. Al Biles & GenJam do exactly that. Each listens to the other, blends what they hear with their own ideas, and reply with spontaneous music that creates an interactive narrative.

Al does that the old fashioned way in his head. GenJam does it by building chromosomes from Al's measures and phrases, evolving the chromosomes in real time with crossover and mutation, and turning them back into notes that fit the chords in the tune, all in real time.

Yes, GenJam is software that runs on a computer, and it's been the focus of Al's research for over 20 years!

The music Al & GenJam play is straight-up jazz by folks like Mancini, Mandel, Mingus, Mobley, Monk, Morgan, Mulligan – and that's just some of the M's!

Well over 400 tunes to choose from ranging from Bossa Novas and tasty swing tunes to Latin, Afro-Cuban and hard bop flag wavers. They even have 41 holiday tunes, like Holly Jolly Christmas as a 7/4 mambo.

They enjoy playing background music to complement a fine meal or a reception, midground music in coffee houses, and foreground music in clubs and concerts.

They've played all over the world and all around Rochester, and they'd love to play for you!

*[genjam.org](http://genjam.org)*