

Saqqara A Window to Ancient Egypt

François-Olivier Fortin Arranged by David Marlatt

Imagine yourself embarking on a thrilling expedition to the city of Saqqara. As you make new and astonishing finds, you are absorbed back to the life of ancient times, back when Egypt was known as *Kemet*. At night, your attention drifts to the beautiful constellations in the sky. You remember that ancient Egyptians were master astronomers - studying the movements of the stars was very important as it was linked to their beliefs. A triumphant return of the expedition concludes this adventure... until next time!

The necropolis of Saqqara is one of Egypt's most famous archeological sites. New discoveries are still being made today.



François-Olivier Fortin is a jazz saxophonist, arranger, composer, conductor and music educator. He has arranged and composed for jazz combos, big bands and concert bands throughout his performing and teaching career.

Mr. Fortin holds jazz saxophone degrees from the University of Montréal and the University of Sherbrooke. He obtained his music education degree from the *Université du Québec à Montréal*. As a performer, he has played in sax quartets, jazz combos, blues bands, big bands, concerts bands and cruise ships orchestras.

Mr. Fortin is currently teaching band at Collège Esther-Blondin, Canada where he continues to arrange and compose.

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