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He began his professional career as the saxophonist for a summer revue show at Valleyfair Amusement Park in Minneapolis (2006-08). Prior to beginning his graduate studies, Hanegan worked for Carnival Cruise Lines as a multiple-woodwind artist in a seven-piece show orchestra. With Carnival, Hanegan performed nightly alongside musicians from all over the world and served as musical director of the Carnival Elation in 2012. Hanegan taught saxophone and clarinet in 2013, as an artist faculty member at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. He is actively performing across the Midwest with his band Goodroad and several other jazz projects.