

Presents the 44TH Annual

UM BUDDY DEFRANCO JAZZ FESTIVAL

Featuring

THE UM JAZZ ENSEMBLE
OUTSTANDING SOLOISTS
and
FESTIVAL GUEST ARTISTS





March 14-15, 2024



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 44TH annual UM Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival! Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support of our program and jazz education. The UM Jazz Program is thrilled to bring professional musicians of this caliber each year to work with our students and the many talented middle school, high school and college bands visiting our campus. It is also an honor to recognize prolific educators in our community as well as hear so many groups making music together. It is phenomenal to witness music education at its best. This is what it is all about!

Thanks for helping us make it happen and for all your support of the UM Jazz Ensemble performing this summer in France & Italy!

Looking forward, Rob

Rob Tapper

Director, UM Jazz Program

Thursday Evening Program

Dr. Christopher Hahn, Festival Host

Festival All-Stars

Outstanding Soloists

High School Best Section Big Band

Larry Gookin Best Trombone Section Award

Dr. Jennifer Cavanaugh, Director – UM School of Music

---Intermission---

UM Jazz Ensemble I

Miss Missouri

Comp./Arr. Benny Carter

Blues in the 603

Comp./Arr. Vern Sielert

Vern Sielert, Trumpet

Tricotism

Oscar Pettiford/Arr. Jerry Dodgion *Molly Redfield, Bass*

Me and My Shadow

Jolson, Rose & Dreyer/Arr. Rob Tapper **Zach Paris, Drum Set**

Almost Like Being in Love

Lerner & Lowe/Arr. Lennie Niehaus

Friday Evening Program

Dr. Christopher Hahn, Festival Host

Festival All-Stars Outstanding Soloists High School Best Section Big Band

Brooke & Chuck Florence Saxophone Section Award Presentation *Brooke & Chuck Florence*

Lance Boyd Best Trombone Section Award Presentation
Lance Boyd, UM Professor Emeritus

---Intermission---

UM Jazz Ensemble I

Almost Like Being in Love

Lerner & Lowe/Arr. Lennie Niehaus

Union

Comp./Arr. Michael Conrad

Dawn Clement, Piano & Vocals

Me and My Shadow

Jolson, Rose & Dreyer/Arr. Rob Tapper

Alone Together

Schwartz & Dietz/Arr. Rich DeRosa *Mark Taylor, Saxophone*

Blues in the 603

Comp./Arr. Vern Sielert



Festival Artists & Clinicians

Mark Taylor - Saxophone

Mark Taylor is one of the most in demand saxophonists in the Pacific Northwest. A Seattle native and resident, Mark's personal sound and style are a fixture on the local jazz scene and have given him opportunities to perform for audiences all over the United States and Japan. Widely respected as a unique and creative improviser, an impeccable ensemble player, and for his stylistic versatility, Mark was honored as "NW Jazz Instrumentalist of 2008" by Earshot Jazz Magazine. Mark performs and records extensively with such diverse and award winning groups as Matt Jorgensen +451, Jim Knapp Orchestra, Frieze of Life, Victor Noriega Trio + 2, Tom Varner's Tentet and Quintet, Thomas Marriott, Wayne Horvitz, Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra, and the Randy Halberstadt Quintet.

Outside of these ongoing projects, he has also appeared locally with legends such as Ray Charles, Quincy Jones, and Ernestine Anderson, current headliners in jazz such as Sam Yahel and Maria Schneider, appearances with the Seattle Symphony and Pacific Northwest Ballet, and many more.

As a leader, Mark has released two critically acclaimed CDs on Origin Records: "After Hours" (2002), and "Spectre" (2009) which was named "NW Jazz Recording of 2009" (Earshot Jazz).

As an educator, Mark has a full studio of private students and is a highly sought after guest artist and clinician for festivals, workshops, and clinics throughout the region. He holds a BM from the University of Washington (1994), and MM from the Manhattan School of Music (2000) in New York City where his performance credentials include appearances with the Grammy Award winning Vanguard Jazz Orchestra.

Molly Redfield – bass

Dr. Molly Redfield is Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies at Louisiana State University and is an established bassist, arranger, and jazz educator and is excited to share her passion of teaching jazz education both with the campus and the community.

Dr. Redfield maintains an active national performing and touring schedule and has performed with Gerald Clayton, Ingrid Jensen, Allison Miller, Kenny Rampton, and many more. Her most recent recording, "JOIful Noizz" with the Las Vegas Joi Jazz Orchestra can be heard on all streaming devices. Some of the awards Dr. Redfield has received for her playing include being a selected member 2022 Jazz Education Network, International Sisters in Jazz Collegiate Combo, awarded the 2017 Outstanding Festival Soloist Award at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival, and awarded the 2016 Outstanding Collegiate Rhythm Section Performer at the Reno International Jazz Festival.

As an arranger, Dr. Redfield received a 2021 *DownBeat Magazine, Student Music Award* for her vocal arrangement of "Moonglow." Additionally, her arrangements and compositions can be heard on CDs published under Vegas Records with the UNLV Jazz Ensemble I, Honors Quartet, and the Geri Allen Memorial Combo.

Dr. Redfield is dedicated to the jazz education community. She has been invited to present at the LMEA In-Service, Jazz Education Network International Conference, and the Capitol Section CMEA In-Service on her research in teaching the young rhythm section, inclusion of women in jazz studies, and jazz sampling hip-hop. Additionally, Dr. Redfield was the invited conductor of the Montana 2023 Allstate Jazz Ensemble and has adjudicated jazz festivals across the nation.

Dr. Redfield earned her degrees from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Sacramento State.

Dawn Clement - piano

Pianist, vocalist, and composer **Dawn Clement** is a joyful and formidable force in the landscape of modern creative music. For over two decades, Clement has served as both a torchbearer of the jazz tradition and as a trailblazer in fresh sonic explorations.

Clement's original music is an expansive collection that features her distinctive musical voice in a variety of genres, styles, and settings. Her six albums as a leader showcase her impressive range from master of the jazz piano trio style, to avant-garde improviser, to an expressive songwriter and vocalist effortlessly incorporating indie and alternative influences. Her most recent release, Islands, was created in collaboration with producer, keyboardist, and guitarist

Jon Solo, and features thoughtful collaborations with a range of all-star guests, including trumpeter Shane Endsley, saxophonist Skerik, and drummer Allison Miller.

Clement has previously performed with jazz luminaries including Jane Ira Bloom, Ron Miles, Matt Wilson, Rene Marie, and Juliana Priester. Dawn recorded with säje on their GRAMMY-nominated debut album and is also a member of Esthesis Quartet, a group founded in 2021 with flutist Elsa Nilsson, drummer Tina Raymond, and bassist Emma Dayhuff.

Integral in Clement's relationship with music is her role as an educator and mentor. She currently serves as Associate Professor and Area Coordinator of the Jazz and American Improvised Music Department at Metropolitan State University of Denver. In addition,

Originally from the Pacific Northwest, she now lives in Denver, Colorado, and maintains strong ties to both the Seattle and Denver music communities. Dawn maintains a rigorous teaching and performing schedule while balancing the ever-fluctuating dance of parenting, composing, and supporting her local art scene.

Vern Sielert – *trumpet*

Vern Sielert is Professor of Trumpet and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Idaho also serving as the artistic advisor for the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. From 2001-2006 he was Director of Jazz Ensembles at the University of Washington, and he has also served on the faculties of Baylor University, Illinois State University and Millikin University. Sielert has also directed jazz ensembles at Normal Community West High School in Normal, Illinois. He holds degrees from the University of North Texas, and a DMA in trumpet performance from the University of Illinois.

Sielert has performed with artists such as Natalie Cole, Rosemary Clooney, Freddie Hubbard, Ronnie Milsap, The O'Jays, Bobby Shew, Michael Feinstein, Gerald Wilson, Claudio Roditi and Dee Daniels and in such diverse settings as the Bob Curnow Big Band, the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, the Lionel Hampton Big Band, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Norwegian Cruise Lines, and Walt Disney World. Vern was also a member of the University of North Texas One O'Clock Lab Band, which has recorded several of his compositions and arrangements.

Vern maintains an active performing schedule and his compositions and arrangements have been performed by prestigious ensembles including the Count Basie Orchestra, the U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors and Otto Sauter's trumpet ensemble, Ten of the Best. His works are regularly heard in high school and university jazz ensembles across the country and have been recorded by professional groups in the US, Canada and Japan.

Vern is also an active educator, clinician and adjudicator, and has worked at schools and jazz festivals throughout the US and Canada, and at conferences of the Idaho Music

Educators, Oregon Music Educators, Washington Music Educators, MENC Northwest Division, WIBC, and the International Association for Jazz Education. He has directed all-state jazz bands in Idaho, New Hampshire Montana, Alaska and New Mexico.

Zach Paris – Drum Set

Zach Paris is the Director of Instrumental Music and Percussion Studies at Northwest College in Powell, WY. In addition to his work at Northwest College, Dr. Paris has taught courses at Iowa Western Community College, the University of Nebraska, Arizona Christian University, Central Arizona College, and Arizona State University. He is an extremely versatile percussionist and educator that specializes in a wide range of musical styles. His omnivorous approach has led him to a career in jazz, latin, pop, country, rock, and heavy metal drum set, as well as marching percussion, classical percussion, African percussion, multi-percussion, and four-mallet marimba. In these areas, Zach has won a number of competitions including the Nebraska Guitar Center Drum-Off finals, the Victoria Drum Festival Solo Competition, the Heartland Marimba Festival Solo Competition, the Scottsdale Guitar Center Drum-Off, the Paul Seidel Drumming Competition, and the Percussive Arts Society International Percussion Ensemble Competition. He has also been recognized as a winner of two DownBeat Magazine Student Music Awards in the Graduate Soloist category.

Zach is also a recognized composer with works published through C. Alan Publications. He currently holds associate degrees in music education, music performance, and music technology from Northwest College (where he was named the 2010 Most Outstanding Music Student), a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Wyoming (where he was named the Presser Scholar in 2013), a master's degree in percussion performance (MM) from the University of Nebraska, and a doctorate in percussion performance (DMA) from Arizona State University.



JAZZ ENSEMBLE I

ROB TAPPER - DIRECTOR

SAXOPHONES

(A1) Verne Stimpfling

(A2) Owen Meador

(T1) Ally Fradkin

(T2) Sam Haveron

(B) Carson Sandstrom

TROMBONES

(lead) Sean Stineford

(2) Adam Elkin

(3) Cameron Doucette

(b) Kaleb Trippe

TRUMPET

(lead) Gabe Gray

(2) Alek Sweeden

(3) Daniel Thackeray

(4) Roman Hulsey

RHYTHM SECTION

George Higgins (p)

Simon Hickey (p)

Drew Saltzman (g)

Owen Cleary (b)

Sam Purvis (dr/perc)

Rhett Matthew (dr/perc)

JAZZ BAND II

SEAN STINEFORD – DIRECTOR

SAXOPHONES

(A1) Greyson Buckler

(A2) Janis Jones

(T1) Lucas Fuhringer

(T2) Zane Lambert

(Bari) Fischer Friend

TRUMPET

(lead) Isaac Woldtvedt

Jessica Putnam

Jacob Nelson

Kendall Boehm

TROMBONES

(lead) Marcus Van Tassell

Harrison Walker

Halden Raines

Jaden Tooke

RHYTHM SECTION

Landon Kleeman (p)

Evan Nesbitt (b)

Cooper Godfrey (g)

Simon Hickey (dr/perc)

Asher Deming (dr/perc)

LAB JAZZ BAND III

TOMMY SCIPLE – DIRECTOR

SAXOPHONES

Roscoe Bradley Emma Whitmer Brooke Bowman Declan Clark Ethan Chatwood Brody Smith Riley Walters (B) Tali Teso

TROMBONES

Harry Walker Alek Sweeden Kenny Wright Calli Lykins

TRUMPET

(lead) Doug Higgins Jacob Nelson Cathrine Deguzman Nick Mogensen Sharai Camila

RHYTHM SECTION

Matthew Aguon (p)
Agnes Dargen (b)
Corbin Vanderby (g)
Lauren Prcello (b & dr)
Stephen Merritt (g)
Vincent Tummarello (dr)
Zane Lambert (dr)



SMALL GROUPS

Boyd Bop Band A - Coach, Johan Eriksson

Verne Stimpfling – saxophone *Sean Stineford – trombone Owen Kirby - saxophone George Higgins – piano Evan Nesbitt - bass Sam Purvis – drum set

Boyd Bop Band B - Coach, Connor Racicot

* Ally Fradkin – saxophone Owen Meador - saxophone Drew Saltzman - guitar Owen Cleary - bass Simon Hickey – drum set

Standards Group - Coach, Owen Ross

Sam Haveron - saxophone Cameron Doucette, trombone Cooper Godfrey, guitar Drew Saltzman, bass Asher Deming, drum set/vibes

Diving In A - Coach, Tommy Sciple

Zane Lambert, saxophone Lydia Lauzon, saxophone Harrison Walker, trombone *Simon Hickey, piano Evan Nesbitt, bass, Rhett Matthew, drum set Ethan Saffron, drum set

Diving In B - Coach, Sean Stineford

Tali Teso, saxophone
*Halden Raines, trombone
Alek Sweeden, trumpet
Greyson Buckler, saxophone
Will Banfield, piano
Markus Van Tassell, bass
Vincent Tummarello, drum set

Diving In C - Coach, Rob Tapper

Graham Martin - trombone Nick Mogensen – saxophone Kendall Boehm – trumpet Riley Walters, saxophone Ethan Chatwood, guitar Landon Kleeman, piano Mark Mniszewski, bass *Zane Lambert, drum set



Participating Groups 2024

Big Sky High School Butte High School

C.R. Anderson Middle School Centennial Middle School Chase Middle School Cheney High School

Columbia Falls Jr. High School Columbia Falls High School Corvallis High School

CS Porter Middle School Blue
CS Porter Middle School Silver
East Helena High School
East Valley Middle School
Florence High School
Great Falls High School
Havre High School
Helena Middle School
Hellgate High School
Kentlake High School
Libby Middle School
Mead High School

Mead High School II

Missoula All-City MS Miles Davis Missoula All-City MS Sonny Rollins Mount Spokane High School Mount Spokane High School Mount Spokane High School Ridgeline High School Stevensville High School Washington Middle School Whitefish High School

University of Montana Jazz Band II University of Montana Lab Jazz Band III

University of Montana Boyd A
University of Montana Boyd B
University of Montana Diving in C
University of Montana Diving In B
University of Montana Diving In A
University of Montana Standards

Willi Prince Jean Perusch Chris Nevinski Lukas Selfridge Brendan Cessaratto

Josh Wisswell Ben Caudill Josh Forke Skyer Genazzi **Brit Englund** Rory Anderson **Cole Bass** Jon Cantrell Jennifer Kirby Lisa Sundquist Cullen Hinkle Tyson Reiter Jesse Dochnahl Jonathan Urmenita **Brandon Boone Rob Lewis Brian Comstock Rob Tapper Rob Tapper Andrew James Andrew Savage** Sv Hovik

Eric Parker
Zachary Paulus
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Matthew King
Mark McCrady
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Tommy Sciple
Johan Eriksson
Connor Racicot
Rob Tapper
Sean Stineford
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Owen Ross

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Scott Billadeau and Stave & Hoop Bonnie Jean Kurien Carl Thornblade Donald McDonald Karl Englund & Marcia Hogan F. Taylor Pape Nathaniel Sturgis Deborah Hanson Larry & Karen Gookin Lance Boyd & Fern Glass Boyd Grant Parker Sarah Knight Kenneth Challacombe Jazz Support cont.

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Darlene Knapp **Eric Needles**

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Rhett Matthew & Maxum Doucette, Hospitality

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The Awards

As an addition to the educational aspects of this festival, we have created a way of recognizing excellence from the daytime participants by honoring those people who have been a driving force in the Montana education field. Throughout the day, young musicians have been selected for "Outstanding Soloist" or "Best Section" Awards. You will have the honor of hearing some of them perform on the evening concerts. Maybe someday you'll be able to say, "I heard them when …"

This year we will be honoring some very special people. Our most recent award is given on behalf of two music education legends **Chuck & Brooke Florence**. Chuck & Brooke have taught hundreds of woodwind students over the years and many current music educators. We are proud to have this award named and a saxophone section will be recognized as the 'Chuck & Brooke Florence Saxophone Section'.

The award was given for the first time in 2020 on behalf of a music education legend, **Fred Nelson**. Fred left his mark on thousands of musicians over the years and many current music educators are former students of this amazing educator. An outstanding trumpet section will be recognized as the 'Fred Nelson Best Trumpet Section'.

An annual award is given on behalf of the festival namesake, **Buddy DeFranco**. An outstanding woodwind soloist will be recognized as the 'Buddy DeFranco Outstanding Soloist'. We are pleased to have the opportunity to name this award after the internationally recognized jazz legend, Buddy DeFranco.

We once again will be honoring **Earl Morgenroth** and **Lance Boyd**. Earl spent his life giving to the arts as well as supporting the UM Jazz Festival. Lance Boyd, Director of the UM Jazz Program and Professor of Music left a music legacy impacting thousands of students, community members and jazz lovers across the Northwest.

We will also recognize pianist **Jodi Marshall**. For over 60 years, Jodi performed with some of the best entertainers in Los Angeles and throughout the country including with Capital Records and MGM and we were blessed to have this musical treasure in our community.

To say the Missoula community would not be the same without having **Don & Pat Simmons** a part of it would be a profound understatement. We are so fortunate that these wonderful Midwestern people came to help make a difference in our community.

A 1971 graduate of the University of Montana, **Larry Gookin** is considered one of the finest wind band conductors in the country. Also, an exceptional trombonist, Larry has conducted honor groups throughout the world and his name is synonymous with educational integrity, class and exceptionality. We are lucky to call Professor Gookin 'one of ours'.

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Mission, Vision & Values

MISSION

The UM Jazz Program, Jazz Artist Series and Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival inspire a lifetime of learning for the UM music students and regional music programs as well as affording the community exceptional artistry through its programs.

VISION

The Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival is an essential part of the UM Jazz Program and the School of Music. Our goal is to inform, engage and ultimately expand the knowledge of jazz education by creating experiences with numerous nationally acclaimed artists on campus. These experiences afford student musicians an ability to connect with professionals on many levels and discover the potential of music and the art form, jazz.

VALUES

The core values of the UM Jazz Program are excellence, commitment, integrity, openness, accountability, innovation, ambition and reliability.

MISSOULA JAZZ FACULTY

Johan Eriksson, Saxophone Thomas Sciple, Bass Connor Racicot, Piano Naomi Siegel, Trombone John Wicks, Drum Set Owen Ross, Guitar Rob Tapper, Trombone Bob LedBetter, Percussion

Join us for the 2025 UM Jazz Festival March 13-14, 2025



After-Hours at Stave & Hoop
Friday, March 15th
Directly following the Evening Concert
Join Faculty & Guest Artists for some great music

Music begins at 8:00pm

Connor Racicot Trio

Dylan Bautista (piano)
Evan Nesbitt (bass)
Connor Racicot (drum set)

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