

Jazz Appreciation Month

Every April is Jazz Appreciation Month, an annual affirmation of jazz: in short, a month-long *JAM!* At its core, *JAM* is about education and the involvement of communities and cultural institutions in celebrating jazz.

Consider what the VCU Jazz Students Fund (founded in that same year of 2001) has already meant to our students. This academic year we hosted the Yellowjackets (Bob Mintzer, saxophone; Russell Ferrante, keyboard; Dane Alderson, bass; and Will Kennedy, drums); residencies by trombonist Harry Watters, VCUarts artist Paul Rucker, and pianist Lee Musiker; soundcheck-chats with trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and with saxophonist Kamasi Washington; plus guest-performances by adjunct faculty.

Most of these expenses would not have been possible without the support of the Jazz Students Fund—nor various equipment, musical arrangements, and other needs. And last November's jazz concert saw over \$15,000 in scholarship and financial support go to our students! Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month by contributing to the future of jazz education in Richmond: join the VCU Jazz Students Fund. Your gift now at any level will help us secure these opportunities for our students. For more information or to donate by credit card, visit www.go.vcu.edu/jazzfund. Or make your checks payable to the "VCU Jazz Students Fund" and mail them to Antonio García, VCU Music, PO Box 842004, Richmond, VA 23284-2004. For more information about the VCU Jazz Studies Program, visit www.jazz.vcu.edu and then contact Prof. Antonio García at ajgarcia@vcu.edu, (804) 827-0699. And "thank you" to all our current contributors to the VCU Jazz Students Fund!

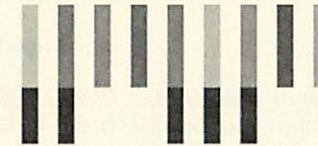
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VCU Small Jazz Ensembles

Mike Ess, Steven Cunningham,
Antonio García, Emre Kartari,
Tony Martucci, & Paul Rucker, Directors

celebrating the Seventh Annual . . .



International Jazz Day

& celebrating the Seventeenth Annual . . .



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Monday, April 30, 2018 at 8 p.m.

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall
W. E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts
Virginia Commonwealth University
922 Park Avenue | Richmond, VA

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Program

Easy Living.....Ralph Rainger & Leo Robin
Deluge.....Wayne Shorter

*Marshall Klimmek, trumpet; Tye Proffitt, trombone;
Cliff Stevenson, guitar; Anthony Cavanaugh, bass;
Jacob Grissom & Quintas Mills, drums; Emre Kartari, director*

Blue Bossa.....Kenny Dorham

Satin Doll.....Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn

All the Things You Are.....Jerome Kern

*Cougar Conley, trumpet; Emma Oakley, guitar;
Roddy Green & Derrick Wright, bass; Peter Griggs, drums;
Steven Cunningham, director*

Black Narcissus.....Joe Henderson, arr. Mike Ess

Joy SpringClifford Brown, arr. Mike Ess

*Evan Varney, tenor saxophone; Richie Cole, trumpet;
Alec Sullivan, guitar; Danny Schultheis, bass; Austin Tekamp, drums;
Mike Ess, director*

free improvisations.....the "Beyond Limits" SJE

*Paige Melton, vocals; Sarah Douthwaite, violin; Richie Cole, trumpet;
Michael Bradley, tenor saxophone; Alec Sullivan, guitar;
Brianna Carter, bass; Kyle Stoker, percussion; Paul Rucker, director*

Tones For Jones Bones.....Chick Corea, arr. the SJE & Tony Martucci

Infant Eyes.....Wayne Shorter, arr. the SJE & Tony Martucci

Daahoud.....Clifford Brown, arr. the SJE & Tony Martucci

*Griffin Sisk, alto saxophone; Michael Bradley, tenor saxophone;
Morgan Burrs, guitar; James Joyner, bass; Collin Hopkins, drums;
DeSean Gault, piano and drums; Tony Martucci, director*

Martha's Prize.....Cedar Walton

Newness of Life.....Alfredo Santiago*

*Alfredo Santiago, alto saxophone; Chet Frierson, tenor saxophone;
David Roberts, guitar; Ayinde Williams, piano; James Joyner, guest bass;
Bryan Connolly, drums; Antonio García, director*

* = VCU Student

VCU Jazz Faculty

Taylor Barnett: Jazz Improvisation,
Trumpet

Carlos Chafin: Affiliate Faculty (In Your
Ear Studio)

Steven Cunningham: Jazz Orchestra II,
Small Jazz Ensemble

Victor Dvoskin: Bass

Michael Ess: Guitar, Small Jazz Ensemble

Antonio García: Director of Jazz Studies,
Trombone, Jazz Orchestra I, Small Jazz
Ensemble, Jazz Theory, Music Industry

Wells Hanley: Piano, Jazz Masterclass

Darryl Harper: Jazz History (on leave)

Emre Kartari: Small Jazz Ensemble

J.C. Kuhl: Saxophone

Tony Martucci: Drum Set, Small Jazz
Ensemble

Randall Pharr: Bass, Small Jazz Ensemble

Doug Richards: Arranging

Rex Richardson: Trumpet

Paul Rucker: (VCU iCubed Visiting Arts
Fellow) free improvisation

Jazz Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University

The VCU Jazz Studies program provides its students outstanding opportunities to pursue jazz performance and writing, as evidenced in part by alumni who have performed with such artists as Chick Corea, Wynton Marsalis, Abbey Lincoln, Ray Charles, Count Basie Orchestra, Mandy Moore, k.d. lang, Bon Iver, and Foxygen; have appeared on Saturday Night Live, Conan O'Brien, The Daily Show, The Colbert Report, and David Letterman; have composed film, TV, and video scores; and who are superb educators, composers, and performers throughout local, national, and international venues. For more information, please visit jazz.vcu.edu; e-mail Prof. García at ajgarcia@vcu.edu.

International Jazz Day

Today is the seventh annual International Jazz Day, celebrated around the world on April 30, highlighting the power of jazz as a force for freedom and creativity, promoting intercultural dialogue through respect and understanding, and uniting people from all corners of the globe. The day is recognized on the official calendars of both UNESCO and the United Nations. Live performances, educational activities, and community service programs take place in all 50 U.S. states and in more than 190 countries on all seven continents. Visit www.jazzday.com.

VCU Jazz Calendar

Saturday, May 5 at 1 p.m. — VCU Greater Richmond High School Jazz Band.
Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall, free admission.

Photography is not permitted during performances; all cellphones/pagers should be off.

*Get the inside story and advance word on VCU Jazz events by subscribing to the **VCU Jazz E-Newsletter** (free!) E-mail Prof. García at ajgarcia@vcu.edu.*

Looking for some other great music besides jazz? The VCU Music Department hosts hundreds of concerts each year, most of them free of charge! Get on the VCU Music mailing list by e-mailing music@vcu.edu or calling (804) 828-1169.

Thank you for joining us tonight. We appreciate your being at our concerts throughout the year! Come again!