

## The VCU Jazz Students Fund

We hope that you will make a gift to the VCU Jazz Students Fund. The Fund helps advance the careers of future jazz musicians by providing scholarships, equipment, and travel funding for students/ensembles, plus fees for visiting artists. Your gift now at any of the following levels will help us secure these opportunities for our students: \$1000+ (Jazz Orchestra), \$500 - \$999 (Big Band), \$250 - \$499 (Quartet), \$100 - \$249 (Duo), \$1 - \$99 (Soloist). For more information or to donate by credit card, visit <[www.go.vcu.edu/jazzfund](http://www.go.vcu.edu/jazzfund)>; scroll down to “Jazz Students Fund.” Or make your check payable to the “VCU Foundation”; in the memo-area write “Jazz Students Fund,” and send it to Antonio Garcia, VCU Music, 922 Park Avenue, Box 842004, Richmond VA 23284-2004.

## VCU Jazz Faculty

**Taylor Barnett**—Jazz Arranging, Jazz History, Jazz Pedagogy, Trumpet; **Carlos Chafin**—Affiliate Faculty (In Your Ear Studio); **Michael Ess**—Guitar, SJE; **Antonio García**—Director of Jazz Studies, Trombone, Jazz Orchestra I, SJE, Jazz Theory, Jazz Pedagogy, Music Industry; **Thomi “FAT Thomi” Hairston**—History of Hip-Hop; **Wells Hanley**—Piano, Jazz Masterclass; **J.C. Kuhl**—Saxophone; **Filipe Leitão**—Composition and Sound Design for Cinema, Games, and Motion Media; **Tony Martucci**—Drum Set, SJE; **Rex Richardson**—Trumpet; **Eric Wheeler**—Upright and Electric Bass; **Toby Whitaker**—JO II, SJE, Jazz Improvisation.

## VCU Jazz Calendar (in part and subject to change)

*Concerts are currently free admission and in the Concert Hall unless noted. Free admission also via livestream at <[go.vcu.edu/concerthall](http://go.vcu.edu/concerthall)>:*

**F 12/10**, 7p—VCU Holiday Music Gala, including Jazz Orchestra II. Tickets \$10 adult, \$5 children 12 and under. Benefits VCU MCV’s The Doorways.

**SAT 1/29**, 9:30a-4p—VCU Jazz Day, free to invited high school students. 3p public concert, also free admission.

**TH 2/10**, 8p—VCU Jazz Orchestra II.

**F 2/11**, 8p—Jazz 4 Justice™ concert, featuring the VCU Jazz Orchestra I, Jazz Orchestra II, vocal ensemble TBA, J4J Scholarship Recipients, and guest conductor TBA. Admission TBA. Presented with the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation (<[www.grbf.org](http://www.grbf.org)>).

**SUN 2/20**, 4p—Antonio García Faculty Jazz Recital (trombone, composition). Performers include Mary Hermann García, Taylor Barnett, The Nashville Avenue Stompers, and VCU Jazz Orchestra I.

*For more information, visit <[go.vcu.edu/concerts](http://go.vcu.edu/concerts)>.*

*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](mailto:ajgarcia@vcu.edu)>.*

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DEPARTMENT OF  
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# VCU Jazz Orchestra II

## Toby Whitaker, director

8 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall

W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts

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— Program —

Broadway	Bill Byrd, Teddy McRae, & Henri Woode
Raincheck	Billy Strayhorn
Fantail	Neal Hefti
Lover Man	Jimmy Davis, Roger Ramirez, & James Sherman, arr. Gil Evans
Emancipation Blues	Oliver Nelson

— Intermission —

Happy Go Lucky Local	Duke Ellington
Brasilliance	Duke Ellington
Teri	Gerald Wilson
Quietude	Thad Jones
Us	Thad Jones

### ***VCU Jazz Orchestra II***

*Saxes* Jacob Gittelman (*alto, soprano, clarinet*), Desi Rice (*alto*),  
Kevin Granados-Alvarado (*tenor, clarinet*), Braeden Ferguson (*tenor*),  
Sam Rutherford (*baritone*)

*Trumpets* Max Kadunce, Daniel Ramirez, Mason Davis, Ninon Kirchman

*Trombones* Nick Dancey, Shelbie Bass & Rahkeem Smith (*French horn*),  
Stephan McCants (*bass*)

*Rhythm* Rinatt Montoya (*guitar*), Lulu West (*piano*), Adam Jones (*bass*),  
Asa Forte (*drums*)

### **VCU Jazz Day**

VCU Jazz is now enrolling high school jazz musicians for VCU Jazz Day, an invitational event for which students from across the region come to VCU to work all day with a number of our faculty, create jazz combos, and perform at the end of the day. As in previous years, this event is by invitation from the VCU Director of Jazz Studies only and is focused on intermediate and advanced high school jazz students on Saturday, January 29, from 9:30a-4p. High school music directors may nominate their talented students. There is an informal concert by the students at 3p that day in Vlahcevic Hall; the public is invited, admission free.

### **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 videogame 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. Garcia at <ajgarcia@vcu.edu>.

### **VCU Greater Richmond High School Jazz Band**

Plans have begun for the next season of the GRHSJB, with auditions planned for January 3-4 and the first rehearsal January 19. Under the direction of Prof. Toby Whitaker, the ensemble meets most Sundays 2-4p, plus a closing concert the afternoon of Saturday, May 7. Additional performances in past years have included The Carpenter Theatre, the Titan Jazz & Arts Festival, and outreach venues on the VCU campus; and the band has already been invited back to close the Titan Jazz Festival the evening of Saturday, April 23. If you're a high school student in the Richmond region interested in working with your peers from a dozen other high schools towards some swinging performances—or if you're a teacher of those students—please note these dates; and spread the word! More information is posted at <arts.vcu.edu/academics/departments/music/pre-college-programs/>.

### **Jazz 4 Justice™**

On Friday, February 11 at 8p VCU Music and the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation will present the eighth annual Jazz 4 Justice™ concert, featuring the VCU Jazz Orchestra I, Jazz Orchestra II, J4J Scholarship recipients, Vocal Chamber Ensemble, and more. Admission details will be forthcoming soon. The ticket price typically includes admission to the concert, hors d'oeuvres, and the first drink. Proceeds from the evening assist pro bono legal services in our community and will help provide VCU Jazz scholarships. The concert is presented with the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation (<www.grbf.org>). Come join us for great music for a great cause!

### **VCU Jazz “Singleton Scholarships” for Fall 2022!**

As a result of the generous gift from the late Mr. W.E. Singleton and his wife, Dale, new and sizeable “Singleton Scholarships” will be available to some of the Fall 2022 incoming class. This support represents the most significant financial assistance targeting jazz-related students in at least 25 years, if not unprecedented.

High school seniors and transfers can apply for entry to that Fall 2022 class at <go.vcu.edu/apply4music>. The faculty look forward to welcoming them to VCU Jazz! For more information about what *you* can do to assist our students, see the back cover of tonight's program.