



College of Music  
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MSU Federal Credit Union  
Jazz Artist in Residence Series

# **Jazz Orchestras with John Clayton, jazz bass**

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MSU Jazz Orchestra I  
Rodney T. Whitaker, conductor

MSU Jazz Orchestra II  
Anthony J. Stanco, conductor

MSU Jazz Orchestra III  
Wyatt Forhan and Alonso Umana Chan, conductors

Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Fairchild Theatre, 3:00 p.m.

# PROGRAM

## Jazz Orchestra III

Bud Powell	Chick Corea (1941–2021) arr. Alonso Umana Chan
Smoke Gets in Your Eyes	Jerome Kern (1885–1945) arr. Michael Phillip Mossman
Theme from Howl's Moving Castle	Joe Hisaishi (b. 1950) arr. Shelton Ford
On the Sunny Side of the Street	Jimmy McHugh (1894–1969) arr. Wyatt Forhan

## Jazz Orchestra II

Oleo	Sonny Rollins (b. 1930) arr. Michael Abene
Only You	Bob Florence (1932–2008)
Way Out Basie	Ernie Wilkins (1922–1991)
The Jody Grind	Horace Silver (1928–2014) arr. John Clayton

# PROGRAM (cont.)

## Jazz Orchestra I

Do Nothing till You Hear from Me	Duke Ellington (1899–1974) arr. Nelson Riddle
I Love Being Here with You	Peggy Lee and Bill Schluger (1920–2002) arr. John Clayton
Squatty Roo	Johnny Hodges (1907–1970) arr. John Clayton
The Jones Brothers	Jeffrey Clayton (1954–2020) arr. John Clayton
Day By Day	Sammy Cahn, Axel Stordahl, Paul Weston (1913–1993) (1913–1963) (1912–1996) arr. John Clayton
And so it Goes	Billy Joel arr. John Clayton

## GUEST ARTIST BIO

Bassist, composer, arranger and producer, **John Clayton** is a busy man. He is a Grammy© winner with nine additional nominations and has written and/or recorded with artists such as Milt Jackson, Diana Krall, Paul McCartney, Regina Carter, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Gladys Knight, Queen Latifah, McCoy Tyner, YoYo Ma and Charles Aznavour, to name only a few.

John was the principal bassist in the Amsterdam Philharmonic Orchestra (The Netherlands) from 1980-1984. In 1986, John co-founded the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra and rekindled The Clayton Brothers Quintet. In addition to his individual clinics and workshops, he also directs the educational components of Centrum, The Port Townsend Jazz Festival, and the Vail Jazz Workshop. It is John's arrangement of the "Star Spangled Banner" that helped propel Whitney Houston in her 1990 performance at the Super Bowl (the recording went platinum). His recordings with the Clayton Brothers, the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, Milt Jackson, Monty Alexander, Count Basie and others are plentiful. John feels "I've been guided by a village of musicians who helped me understand the humility that goes along with playing music at the highest level you can. Ray Brown used to tell me to 'Learn how to play the bass!!' Just take care of the music and it will take care of you."

# **JAZZ ORCHESTRA I**

Rodney Whitaker, director

## **Alto Saxophone**

Thomas Noble  
Kevin Brewster

## **Tenor Saxophone**

Evan Kielty  
Liam Avelluto

## **Bari Saxophone**

Nat Lewis

## **Trumpet**

Jacob Anderson  
Andrew Brown  
Joel Reaves  
Eli Rachlin  
Jauron Perry

## **Trombone**

Nanami Haruta  
Aidan Clark  
Eli Howell  
Daniel Bear

## **Trombone (cont.)**

Hannah Davies  
Wyatt Forhan

## **Bass**

Jonathan Hilliard  
Langston Kitchen  
Emma Wilburn

## **Guitar**

Luke Sittard  
Zachary Sommerfield

## **Drums**

Brian Allen  
Alonso Umana Chan  
Sarah Whitaker

## **Piano**

Cormac Avila

## **Vocalist**

Amanda Jane Ross  
Aidan Clark

# **JAZZ ORCHESTRA II**

Anthony Stanco, director

## **Alto Saxophone**

Mason Rheinhardt  
Elvin Sahijdak

## **Tenor Saxophone**

Shane Karas  
Paloma Cobbs Silva

## **Bari Saxophone**

Sam Gucwa

## **Trumpet**

Carter Haugen  
Jacob Tolentino  
Saatvik Palli  
Joel Reaves

## **Trombone**

Andrew Kim  
Miles Cole  
Charles Scanlan  
Charles Grace  
Arthur Motl

## **Bass**

Charles Snyder  
Dylan Sherman

## **Guitar**

Phineas Reed  
Ben Amin

## **Drums**

Sam Melkonian  
John Soave  
Jack Myers

## **Piano**

Kevin Eisenberg

## **Vocalist**

Alirna Korieva

# **JAZZ ORCHESTRA III**

Wyatt Forhan and Alonso Umana Chan, directors

## **Alto Saxophone**

Spencer Cox  
Jack Mulrooney

## **Tenor Saxophone**

Logan Johnston  
Seth Kalina

## **Bari Saxophone**

Andrew Wittmer

## **Trumpet**

Devine Wade  
Isaac Napier  
Peter Pana  
John Salako

## **Trombone**

Judah Guerra  
Hannah Davis  
Bridgette Setters  
Kyle Quick

## **Bass**

Adrienne Evans

## **Guitar**

Zohar Yossef

## **Drums**

Zander Swon  
Drew Stansberry  
Kelly Karsen  
Vincent Roman

## **Vibraphone**

Evan Gerdet

## **Piano**

Shelton Ford  
Jingting Huang  
Nessia Brooks

# The Jazz Club

## 2024-2025 Season

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# UPCOMING JAZZ STUDIES EVENTS

1/19 Sunday

## **MLK –Jazz: Prayer and Protest Concert**

Fairchild Theatre, 3:00 p.m. free – TICKET REQUIRED

*Tickets available at the College of Music Box Office, 333 W. Circle Dr. Room 102, or by calling 517-353-5340, Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

*Closed December 24-January 1, 2025*

*Unclaimed will call tickets will be released 10 minutes prior to the performance.*

2/14 Friday

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## **Jazz Nonets**

Murray, 8:00 p.m. \$\$

2/21 Friday

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## **Professors of Jazz**

Murray Hall, 8:00 p.m. \$

3/23 Sunday

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## **Jazz Orchestras**

Pasant Theatre, 3:00 p.m. \$\$

4/10 Thursday

## **Jazz Nonets – Jazz Spectacular**

Fairchild Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$

4/11 Friday

## **Swing Dance – Jazz Spectacular**

Large Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m. \$

4/12 Saturday

## **Essentially Ellington Regional High School Jazz Band Competition**

Fairchild Theatre, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., free

4/12 Saturday

## **Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert**

Fairchild Theatre, 8:00 p.m. \$\$\$

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