

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Application for Student Speaker  
Spring and Summer Commencement, 2026  
Application Deadline February 25, 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument/Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities/volunteer work/community service:

Initiatives or Cooperation with fostering Diversity and Inclusion in the MSU Community:

Future goals upon graduation:

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As a graduate, what do you think you will most value about your experience in the college of music?

What qualities do you believe are desirable in a student speaker and how do you exemplify them?

Provide a theme and/or brief outline of your intended speech

Please attach a copy of your resume/vita.

# Eli Rachlin

Jazz Trumpeter • Educator • Composer • Bandleader  
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## AWARDS & HONORS

- Winner of the National Trumpet Competition (2025)
  - DownBeat Magazine #1 Top Collegiate Jazz Soloist Award (2025)
  - Detroit Jazz Festival Collegiate Combo Competition Finalist - (2025)
  - Outstanding Trumpet Soloist - National Collegiate Jazz Championship (2026)
  - Outstanding Soloist, Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival (2023)
  - International Trumpet Guild Jazz Competition - Semi Finalist (2025)
  - 3rd Place, MSU Running Start Competition (2025)
  - Dean's List, Michigan State University (2022–present)
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## ARTISTS PERFORMED/RECORDED WITH

Terrell Stafford, Sean Jones, Benny Bennack III, Marquis Hill, Dwight Adams, Geoffrey Keezer, Jazzmeia Horn, Rene Marie, Ryan Keberle, Rodney Whitaker, Michael Dease

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## EDUCATION

**Michigan State University** – East Lansing, MI  
Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies (2022–2026)

- Studying under Anthony Stanco

**Cedar Ridge High School** – Hillsborough, NC (2018–2022)

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Interlochen Arts** (2023)
  - **Teaching Assistant** - MSU College Of Music (2022-24)
  - **Arts Administration** - Detroit Community School Of Music (2024-25)
  - **Instrument Repair** - Marshall Music Company (2025)
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