



**Midwest Young Artists
Conservatory
Presents:**

Spring Big Band Concert

Drew Hansen, Conductor

**April 28, 2024
4:00pm
Bennett Gordon Hall, Ravinia**

Program

Doxy Sonny Rollins (b.1930)

Blues by Five Miles Davis (1926-1991)

Jazz Ensemble

Orange Sherbert Sammy Nastico (1924-2021)

Groove Merchant Jerome Richardson (1920-2000)
arr. Thad Jones

Aries Mood Mary Lou Williams (1910-1981)

Vine Street Rumble Benny Carter (1907-2003)

Jazz Orchestra

Conjoined – *World Premiere* Nick Ellington (b. 2005)

Compensation Kenny Werner (b. 1951)

Struggle Gives you Strength Jihye Lee

Hang Gliding Maria Schneider (b. 1960)

Paper Airplanes – *World Premiere* Sam Persell (b. 2006)

Concert Jazz Band

Drew Hansen, Conductor



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATING SENIORS!

Duke Baur, tenor sax

Years in MYAC: 3

School: Manhattan School of Music

Anticipated Major: Jazz Saxophone

Most Memorable Moment: Playing at Symphony Center at the 30th Anniversary gala

Favorite Quote: "One thing you should know about me is that I am right 100% of the time"

- Drew Hansen

Peter Eisenmenger, drums

Years in MYAC: 2

School: Undecided

Anticipated Major: Jazz Studies

Most Memorable Moment: Playing Wyrgly by Maria Schneider

Favorite Quote: "I love a demonic possession"

- Drew Hansen

Nick Ellington, trombone

Years in MYAC: 3

School: DePaul University

Anticipated Major: Jazz Studies

Most Memorable Moment: Playing at 28 Mile the first time with Marquis Hill

Favorite Quote: My Lament (In Hunter's Voice)

Leonardo Fontane, bari sax

Years in MYAC: 2

School: University of Illinois Chicago

Anticipated Major: Music Education

Most Memorable Moment: Jazz in January concert with Marquis Hill

Favorite Quote: "To truly know it you have to be able to play it cold" - Mr. Griffin

Caleb Goldstein, clarinet

Years in MYAC: 5

School: Hamilton College

Anticipated Major: Biology

Most Memorable Moment: Jazz in January 2024

Favorite Quote: One more time!

Miriam Goroff-Behel, alto sax

Years in MYAC: 4

School: Julliard School

Anticipated Major: Jazz Saxophone

Most Memorable Moment: Playing with Sharel Cassity

Audrey Groth, horn, bass

Years in MYAC: 5

School: University of Kansas

Anticipated Major: Undecided

Most Memorable Moment: Performing at Chicago Symphony Center

Favorite Quote: Why you rush?!?!?! - Dr. D

Veronica Lada, violin, alto sax, voice

Years in MYAC: 12

School: Lehigh University

Anticipated Major: Economics

Most Memorable Moment: 30th MYAC

Anniversary concert at Symphony Center. I played and sang with my sister who is MYAC 2013 Alumna

Favorite Quote: "Mazel tov! As they say in jazz, all the time" Mrs. Marks would say this after a good rehearsal, commending us for a job well done. "I want to hear the character of the music, put the accents where they belong!" Dr. Dennis always figures out the character of the music, encouraging me to look deeper into the music. "Perpy duck sound" "Nuance" "fitting into the fabric" Mr. Hansen always mentions strange sounds to perfectly describe the feeling and history of jazz. There is always more to the story than you think, especially a piece music. Each of my teachers here have a way of teaching me how to express myself without the need for words, I am grateful I've learned how to be myself through music.

Alexandrew Machado, trombone, piano

Years in MYAC: 2

School: Oberlin College

Anticipated Major: Jazz Studies

Most Memorable Moment: Playing with Marquis Hill at Jazz in January 2023.

Favorite Quote: "I will stand here and watch you fail." - Drew Hansen

Jacob Mendez, alto sax

Years in MYAC: 1

School: DePaul University

Anticipated Major: Music Education / Jazz Studies

Most Memorable Moment: Hanging out with present and past students of MYAC during the Alumni Concert.

Favorite Quote: "You're up with the big dogs now" - Mr. Hansen, during week of IMEC (All-State)

Hunter Otgontseren

Years in MYAC: 3

School: Indiana University

Anticipated Major: Trombone & Music Education

Most Memorable Moment: Sight reading at the MYAC 2024 Gala for a bunch of dancers.

Favorite Quote: When Mr. Drew Hansen yelled "EAT THE MIC!"

Sam Persell, trumpet

Years in MYAC: 4

School: Oberlin College

Anticipated Major: Jazz Composition/ Dual Degree

Most Memorable Moment: Raiding the kitchen

Favorite Quote: "AAAAA-CHOOOOOOOUUUUUU" - Hunter O

Liam Phillips, tenor sax

Years in MYAC: 1

School: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Major: Undecided

Most Memorable Moment: When Mr. Hansen looked at the drummer and said, "I will stand here and watch you fail"

Favorite Quote: "I want to play Nestico, shut up!" - Theo Schonberg

Owen Ruszczyk, trumpet

Years in MYAC: 5

School: Manhattan School of Music

Anticipated Major: Jazz Trumpet

Most Memorable Moment: MYAC at the Chicago Jazz Festival

Favorite Quote: "One thing you should know about me is that I am right 100% of the time" - Drew H

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