

Upcoming Jazz Events

Jazz Combos and Lab Band | Tuesday, April 14 | Theatre

Jazz Alumni Band | Saturday, April 18 | Theatre

Jazz Ensemble* | Tuesday, April 21 | Theatre

*Indicates ticketed event | Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. The Doudna's complete calendar of events is available at www.eiu.edu/doudna.

Your support is appreciated.

Thank you for supporting the program by attending tonight's concert. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the people who support the jazz program through donations. We recognize our donors who have made contributions since July 1, 2025. =

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Purpose of the Jazz Studies Program at Eastern Illinois University

- To promote jazz as a significant, indigenous American art form
- To provide an environment for learning and developing the skills necessary to perform, compose, and teach in the professional world
- To provide support for jazz studies programs in the public schools throughout the region



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the

Jazz Lab Band

Paul Johnston, director

in concert

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

7:30 p.m.

Doudna Fine Arts Center

The Theatre

PROGRAM

Witchcraft	Carolyn Leigh and Cy Coleman <i>arranged by Sammy Nestico</i>
Moon River	Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer <i>arranged by Billy Byers</i>
You've Got a Friend in Me	Randy Newman <i>transcribed by Paul Johnston</i>
The Pink Panther	Henry Mancini
Emily	Johnny Mandel and Johnny Mercer <i>arranged by Paul Johnston</i>
Wink and a Smile	Mark Chaiman and Ramsey McLean <i>transcribed by Paul Johnston</i>
Something's Gotta Give	Johnny Mercer <i>arranged by Dave Wolpe</i>
Black Orpheus	Luiz Bonfá <i>arranged by Tom Kubis</i>
Things Ain't What They Used to Be	Mercer Ellington <i>transcribed by David Berger</i>

GUEST ARTIST KYLE HUDDLESTON

Kyle Huddleston is an emerging jazz artist and tenor saxophonist whose playing reflects both deep tradition and modern fire. A 2023 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, where he earned his Master's degree, Huddleston has since established himself on the Indianapolis jazz scene.

Drawing inspiration from legends such as John Coltrane and Dexter Gordon and contemporary masters like Joshua Redman and Kenny Garrett, his sound blends rich warmth and lyrical depth. He has performed at jazz festivals alongside distinguished artists including Dave Stryker, Dick Oatts, Jason Palmer, Diego Rivera, Chuck Israels, and Randy Brecker. He has also been featured at the Chatterbox in Indianapolis.

Kyle's appearance is sponsored by the Doudna Fine Arts Center's New & Emerging Artist Series, and the Lab Band's school tour was sponsored by the Ruth & Vaughn Jaenike Access to the Arts Fund.

JAZZ LAB BAND PERSONNEL

	<i>Saxophones</i>	
Wes Stabler, <i>alto</i>		Chatham
Daniel Fagaly, <i>alto</i>		Charleston
Carter Davis, <i>tenor</i>		Neoga
Jonah Snyder, <i>tenor</i>		Chatham
Peter Walker, <i>baritone</i>		Belleville
	<i>Trumpets</i>	
Arianna Collins		Granite City
Grant Johnson		Charleston
Lilly Keys		Paris
Alex Chiritescu		Charleston
	<i>Trombones</i>	
Aidan Gomez		Olney
Jaycob Serbin		Paris
Alia Young		Rantoul
Colin Lakatos, <i>bass</i>		Granite City
	<i>Rhythm Section</i>	
Merris McDuffie, <i>piano</i>		Dow
Evan Irvin, <i>bass</i>		Olney
Gabriel Collette, <i>drums</i>		Bradley
Alana Dove, <i>voice</i>		Shelbyville