



presents the

Jazz Lab Band

Jazz Combos

and

Jazz Ensemble

in concert

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:30 p.m.

Doudna Fine Arts Center
Theatre

PROGRAM

Blues March		Carl Strommen
Li'l Darlin'		Neal Hefti
The "In" Crowd		Billy Page (arranged by Peter Blair)
	Jazz Lab Band	
Blue Bossa		Kenny Dorham
Just Squeeze Me		Duke Ellington (arranged by Clark Terry)
	Birdland Sextet	
You Stepped Out of a Dream		Nacio Herb Brown and Gus Kahn
I'm an Old Cowhand		Johnny Mercer
	Blue Note Sextet	
But Not for Me		George and Ira Gershwin (arranged by Bob Mintzer)
Us		Thad Jones
Polka Dots and Moonbeams		Jimmy Van Heusen and Johnny Burke (arranged by Dave Barduhn)
Nasty Magnus		Quincy Jones
	EIU Jazz Ensemble	

The purpose of the Jazz Studies Program at Eastern Illinois University is:

- 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; and
- to provide support for jazz studies programs in the public schools throughout the region.



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PERSONNEL

Jazz Lab Band

Connor Frederick, director

Saxophones

Daniel Fagaly, alto
Mason Holland, alto
Xavier Wilmoth, tenor
Andrew Bledsoe, tenor
Millie Eugene, baritone

Trumpets

Grant Johnson
Chase Finley
Lilly Keys

Trombones

Lila Balding
Ethan Züber
Alia Young
James Connett, bass

Rhythm Section

Michael Fellows, guitar
Merris McDuffie, piano
Jordan Wiley, bass
Claire Kersch, drums

Jazz Combos

Birdland Sextet

MJ Jarrell, saxophones
Grant Johnson, trumpet
Hudson David, trombone
Xavier Wilmoth, piano
Evan Irvin, bass
Chase Milan, drums
Paul Johnston, coach

Blue Note Sextet

Noah Captain, saxophones
Ryan Cooper, trumpet
Seth Harshman, guitar
Vance Bollinger, piano
Race Brighton, bass
Jamie V. Ryan, drums and coach

Jazz Ensemble

Paul Johnston, director

Saxophones

Noah Captain, alto
Wes Stabler, alto
MJ Jarrell, tenor
Carter Davis, tenor
Jonah Snyder, baritone

Trumpets

Brian George
Ryan Cooper
Luke Ferris
Yensy Patricio-Garcia
Annie Ford

Trombones

Ross Oller
Hudson David
Jaycob Serbin
Colin Lakatos, bass

Rhythm Section

Seth Harshman, guitar
AJ Payne, piano
Race Brighton, bass
Gabriel Collette, drums

Upcoming Jazz Events

Tuesday, October 20 | Jazz Combo Concert

Sunday, November 8 | Jazz Faculty Concert*

Thursday, November 17 | Jazz Lab Band Concert

Thursday, December 3 | Jazz Ensemble Concert*

Tuesday, December 8 | Jazz Combo Concert

Friday, February 5 | Jazz Festival Opening Concert*

*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.

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