

COLLEGE OF ARTS + ARCHITECTURE

2025/26 PERFORMANCES



Welcome!

We are pleased that you have come to our theaters to support the performing arts at UNC Charlotte. At a time when so much of life is experienced through screens, we celebrate the opportunity to be in this place together.

Live performance is different. There is an energy, a connection with the performers and with fellow audience members that is special.

These are days in which it is important to gather, to share space and stories, to witness beauty, to feel and to learn in the presence of others. Thank you for being here! You are a vital part of the performance experience, and we are grateful for your curiosity and participation.

Look for us, too, throughout the Charlotte community, where you will frequently encounter the creativity and expertise of our faculty, students, and alumni.

We hope you will join us again soon! Stay up to date with our College news and programming on our website at coaa.charlotte.edu.

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The Department of Music presents

The Jazz Combo

Troy Conn, director

and

The Jazz Ensemble

Dr. Will Campbell, director

Anne R. Belk Theater
Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts
Monday, February 23, 2026 | 7:30 pm
coaa.charlotte.edu

The Jazz Combo

Troy Conn, director

Isfahan

Duke Ellington/Billy Strayhorn

Black Narcissus

Joe Henderson

Ojos de Rojos

Cedar Walton

Elliott Stoffler, tenor saxophone

Alexander Poutous, piano

Ben Johnston, bass

Conner Oglesby, drums/vibraphone

Jack Applegate, drums/vibraphone

The Jazz Ensemble

Dr. Will Campbell, director

Second Race

Thad Jones

Evelyn Mathis, piano
Alexander Poutous, trumpet
Jack Applegate, vibraphone
Elliott Stoffler, tenor saxophone

Bye Bye Blackbird

Ray Henderson and Mort Dixon
arr. Tom Matta

Alexander Poutous, trumpet
Elliott Stoffler, tenor saxophone

Roundabout

Rich DeRosa

Marc Denton, bass
Elliott Stoffler, tenor saxophone

When I Fall in Love

Victor Young and Edward Heyman
arr. Alan Baylock

Nica's Dream

Horace Silver
arr. Michael Philip Mossman

Jacob Sims, trumpet
Conner Oglesby, vibraphone

Jazz Ensemble Personnel

Saxophones

Jordan Peterson, alto I

Aidan Babocsi, alto II

Elliott Stoffler*, tenor I

Krista Whinnie, tenor II

Peyton Porter, baritone

Trumpets

Rex Jacobs, split lead

Lauren Ims, split lead

Jacob Sims

Will Wiand

Alexander Poutous

Trombones

Justin Flaherty, lead

Dunn Hamrick

Caleb Hedrick

Evan Van Horne

Sean Robinson, bass

Rhythm

Evelyn Mathis, piano

Marc Denton*, bass

Conner Oglesby*, drums

Jack Applegate, drums

*MJR Jazz Scholars program

The MJR Jazz Scholars program provides funding for tuition assistance and research for outstanding students enrolled in the Jazz Studies or Jazz Certificate programs. We acknowledge with gratitude the gift from the Raja Family Fund.

Ensemble Directors



Originally from North Carolina, [Will Campbell](#) is the Director of Jazz Studies and Professor of Saxophone at UNC Charlotte. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts in Saxophone Performance and Literature degree from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the of Bachelor of Music (Jazz Studies) and Master of Music (Saxophone Performance) from the University of North Texas. While attending UNT, he was a member of the One O’Clock Lab Band and directed the Three O’Clock Lab Band. From 1990 to 1994, he toured internationally as a member of the Harry Connick, Jr. Orchestra. Recording credits include *Blue Light, Red Light, When My Heart Finds Christmas*, and *The New York Big Band Concert* (Video). In 2007, Dr. Campbell released *Think Tank* (Cellar Live Records), his debut recording as a leader and composer. Dr. Campbell is also a member of Unhinged Sextet, a cooperative jazz ensemble that has released two recordings on OA2 Records, *Clarity* and *Don’t Blink*.

In 1995, he was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Fellowship Grant, which allowed him to study privately with renowned saxophonist Dick Oatts in New York City. Dr. Campbell also been invited to direct All-State Jazz Bands in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and North Carolina and has performed at conferences for the North American Saxophone Alliance, International Association for Jazz Education, The Jazz Education Network, and the World Saxophone Congress. His arrangements and compositions are available through University of Northern Colorado Jazz Press and Dorn Publications. Dr. Campbell is an Artist/Clinician for the Conn-Selmer Company and a Performing Artist for D’Addario Reeds and endorses these products exclusively.



[Troy Conn](#) is a graduate of the UNC Charlotte music performance program, where he studied classical guitar. He currently performs throughout the region and teaches Applied Jazz Guitar and Jazz Combo at UNC Charlotte and Applied Guitar at Queens University of Charlotte. His Charlotte-based jazz bands include the Conn/Davis Duo, Ron Brendle Quartet, Al Sergel IVtet, and Jazz Is Led. He

also plays with numerous touring artists, and most recently played with The Platters. Conn is a frequent performer at Middle C Jazz in Charlotte, where he has featured the music of George Benson and Jeff Beck. He also works with Jazz Arts Charlotte as an instructor and a performer. In 2023, Troy Conn was honored as one of the College of Arts + Architecture's Distinguished Alumni.

Conn has played the Eclats d'Email Jazz Festival in Limoges, France, and toured the UK with Fat Face Band. He has been a repeat performer at the Kinser Jazz Festival, performing with the Metroplexity Big Band, backing Randy Brecker and Eric Marienthal. He has also performed in various venues in New Orleans, including Snug Harbor with the Ocie Davis Quartet. His CD, *Old and New*, was released in Spring 2018.

Jazz Studies at UNC Charlotte

The UNC Charlotte Jazz Studies Program, under the direction of Dr. Will Campbell, has enjoyed significant growth in recent years. UNC Charlotte offers courses in Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Jazz Improvisation, Jazz History, and Jazz Pedagogy, Jazz Ensemble Techniques, and now offers a Concentration and Certificate in Jazz Studies. The Jazz Ensemble has performed a wide variety of music, including pieces by influential artists such as Thad Jones, Bob Mintzer, Maria Schneider, Bill Holman, and Sammy Nestico. The Jazz Combos focus on the art of improvisation and creation of arrangements of standard repertoire for the ensemble. Jazz Studies students have performed with guest artists and/or participated in clinics with Branford Marsalis, Charles McPherson, John Fedchock, Marvin Stamm, Rich Perry, Ed Thigpen, Marcus Printup, Cyrus Chestnut, Clay Jenkins, Dick Oatts, Harold Danko, Brad Leali, Paul McKee, David Berkman, Mike Steinel, Jack Wilkins, Jim Riggs, Gene Jackson, Scott Wendholt, Jeff Coffin, Tim Armacost, Terell Stafford, Rick Simerly, Jon Metzger, Bert Ligon, U. S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble, and Jerry Coker. The UNC Charlotte Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform at the North Carolina Music Educators' Annual Conference three times in six years. Each spring, UNC Charlotte hosts the 49er Jazz Ensemble for an exciting day of performance and clinics.

For more information about the UNC Charlotte Jazz Studies Program, please contact Will Campbell at will.campbell@charlotte.edu.

UNC Charlotte Department of Music

The UNC Charlotte Department of Music provides a comprehensive education that produces artists, scholars, and educators who embody musical excellence and professional integrity. The curriculum stresses faculty-mentored individual studies in music while also emphasizing the benefits offered by a major research university.

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College of Arts + Architecture

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

[Wind Ensemble](#)

Wed Feb 25 | 7:30 pm
Anne R. Belk Theater

[Orchestra](#)

Thu Feb 26 | 7:30 pm
Anne R. Belk Theater

[Symphonic Band](#)

Fri Feb 27 | 7:30 pm
Anne R. Belk Theater

MARCH

[Voice Area Showcase](#)

Faculty & Friends Concert Series

Tue Mar 24 | 7:30 pm
Rowe Recital Hall

[Nouveau Now](#)

Presented by the Departments of Dance and Music

Sat Mar 28 | 7:30 pm
Sun Mar 29 | 2:00 pm
Carolina Theatre, Uptown

[Gospel Choir](#)

Mon Mar 30 | 7:30 pm
Rowe Recital Hall

APRIL

[Elizabeth Sullivan with Nick Ritter](#)

Faculty & Friends Concert Series

Tue Apr 7 | 7:30 pm
Rowe Recital Hall

Please join us for the next
[Jazz Combos & Ensemble concert!](#)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | 7:30 pm
Anne R. Belk Theater

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The College of Arts + Architecture promotes the arts and design as engines of civic imagination through distinction in creative teaching and research, artistic performance, and community-driven work.

Through investigations in the performing and visual arts, design and affiliated pursuits, we provoke thought, cultivate aesthetic sensibilities, make space for memory and reflection, instigate creative action, and help build communities.

Established in 2008, the College of Arts + Architecture represents over 1,000 students and more than 100 full-time faculty members in five creative disciplines: art and art history, architecture, dance, music, and theatre.

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