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**BUTLER UNIVERSITY  
JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

*Matt Pivec, director*

**Thursday, October 24, 2024  
7:30 P.M.  
Schrott Center for the Arts**

## PROGRAM

### ***Big Dipper***

Thad Jones (1923-1986)

Eli Osborne, *piano*  
Joseph Smith, *trombone*  
Kenvae Tarver, *tenor saxophone*

### ***Pure Spirit***

Steve Allee (b. 1950)

Michael Johnson, *piano*  
Preston Fox, *guitar*  
Aaron Wilson, *tenor saxophone*

### ***Tig Mack***

Jared Schonig (b. 1983)

arr. Darcy James Argue

Preston Fox, *guitar*  
Santino Caringella, *drums*

### ***Michelangelo***

Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992)

arr. Fred Sturm

Olander Porter, *trombone*

### ***Mood Indigo***

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

arr. John Clayton

Eli Osborne, *piano*  
Joshua Reddick, *trombone*  
Elvin Deckard, *tenor saxophone*

### ***Rockabye River***

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

Noelle Engle, *trumpet*  
Mia Traverse, *alto saxophone*

## **Connections**

Patty Darling (b. 1962)  
Silas Owens, *alto saxophone*  
Olander Porter, *trombone*  
Devon Wiley, *guitar*

## **Giant Steps**

John Coltrane (1927-1976)  
arr. Jamey Simmons  
Aaron Wilson, *tenor saxophone*  
Elvin Deckard, *drums*

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### **SAXOPHONES**

Mia Traverse – Alto 1 (Section Leader)  
Silas Owens – Alto 2  
Aaron Wilson – Tenor 1  
Elvin Deckard – Tenor 2  
Kenvae Tarver – Tenor 2  
Megan Dudenhoeffer – Baritone

### **TRUMPETS**

Noelle Engle – 1st (Section Leader)  
Levi Denniston – 2nd  
David Strayhorn – 3rd  
Ashton Roman – 4th  
Amy Yactayo – 5th

### **TROMBONES**

Joshua Reddick – Split Lead/3rd  
Olander Porter – 2<sup>nd</sup> (Section Leader)  
Joseph Smith – Split Lead/3rd  
Matthew Campitelli – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Andrew Dorton – Bass

### **RHYTHM**

Elvin Deckard – Drums  
Santino Caringella – Drums  
Owen Gohr – Bass  
Lucas Samberg – Bass  
Preston Fox – Guitar (Section Leader)  
Devon Wiley – Guitar  
Eli Osborne – Piano  
Michael Johnson – Piano

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

### BUTLER UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The award-winning Butler University Jazz Ensemble is one of eight jazz-related ensembles at Butler University. Under the direction of Dr. Matt Pivec, the band has performed with world-renowned guest artists such as Kenny Barron, Cécile McLorin-Salvant, Sullivan Fortner, John Clayton, Benny Golson, Stefon Harris, Maria Schneider, Kurt Elling, Christian McBride, Bobby Sanabria, Donny McCaslin, Fred Sturm, Robert Baca, Melvin Rhyne, Steve Allee, and Ted Poor.

In the past decade, the Butler University Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at several prestigious conferences including the 2023 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago and the 2024 Western International Band Clinic in Seattle. The ensemble has also performed at the Indiana Music Educators Association State Conference in 2023, 2020, and 2014.

The Butler University Jazz Ensemble has been the recipient of many awards, including being honored as the winner of the 2020 Downbeat Student Music Awards Undergraduate Large Ensemble Category.

In addition to performing a variety of regular on-campus concerts, the ensemble has performed at professional venues such as the Jazz Kitchen, Indy Jazz Fest, and Jazz at the Bistro. Since 2008, the ensemble has toured to New Orleans, Memphis, Chicago, and St. Louis.

Butler University Jazz is very active in educational and outreach programs including the Benny Golson Jazz Festival, the Butler Youth Jazz Program, and the Butler Summer Jazz Camp.

### MATT PIVEC

As a performer of jazz and popular music, Matt Pivec has worked with Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, The Temptations, Dave Rivello, Bob Brookmeyer, Peter Erskine, Maria Schneider, Julia Dollison, Melvin Rhyne, the Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, the Rochester Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, and the national touring companies of Hairspray, 42nd Street, and The Producers. As a band leader and soloist, Matt has performed at jazz festivals and venues throughout the United States. He has three albums to his credit: *Live at Snider Hall*, *Psalm Songs*, and the recently released *Time and Direction*.

Currently, Matt is the Director of Jazz Studies at Butler University where he leads the Jazz Ensemble and teaches courses in the jazz studies curriculum. Under his direction, the Butler University Jazz Ensemble was named the winner of the 2020 Downbeat Student Music Awards Undergraduate Large Ensemble category. Butler ensembles have performed with world-renowned guest artists such as Benny Golson, Stefon Harris, Maria Schneider, Kurt Elling, Christian McBride, Bobby Sanabria, Donny McCaslin, Fred Sturm, Melvin Rhyne, Steve Allee, Ted Poor, and the Wee Trio.

Matt received the Doctor of Musical Arts (Saxophone Performance and Literature) and Master of Music (Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media) degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. While at Eastman, Matt studied with Ramon Ricker. He performed with the Eastman Wind Ensemble, the Eastman Graduate Saxophone Quartet, and served as lead alto saxophone of the Eastman Jazz Ensemble. Matt received the Bachelor of Music Education degree with honors from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Matt has presented educational clinics and research at the Jazz Education Network Conference, the International Association for Jazz Education Conference, the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and the Indiana Music Educators Association Conference. His publications have been featured in *Teaching Music*, *InForm*, *Jazzed*, [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org) and [www.jazzradio247.com](http://www.jazzradio247.com).

Matt is a member of the national music honor society, Pi Kappa Lambda, and in 2013, he received the Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award from the Jordan College of the Arts. In 2021, Matt received the Outstanding Collegiate Educator Award from the Indiana Music Education Association.

Aside from his teaching at Butler University, Matt is also a founding/past president of the Indiana Jazz Education Association and founder/Artistic Director for the Butler Youth Jazz Program and Butler Summer Jazz Camp. From

these programs, students have progressed to study at some of the top music conservatories and colleges in the United States

Matt is a Yamaha Artist.

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