

THE BUTLER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC
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**BUTLER UNIVERSITY
JAZZ COMBOS**

Sandy Williams and Jesse Wittman, *directors*

**Thursday, March 27, 2025
7:30 P.M.
Clowes Memorial Hall – Krannert Room**

PROGRAM

Butler University Jazz Combo

Sandy Williams, *director*

Fly Me to the Moon

Bart Howard (1915-2004)

The Girl from Ipanema

Antônio Carlos Jobim (1927-1994)

Sunny

Bobby Hebb (1938-2010)

Route 66

Bobby Troup (1918-1999)

Butler University Jazz Combo

Jesse Wittman, *director*

Chega de Saudade

Antonio Carlos Jobim

Fables of Fabous

Charles Mingus (1922-1979)

Infant Eyes

Yes or No

Wayne Shorter (1933-2023)

BUTLER UNIVERSITY JAZZ COMBOS

Sandy Williams, *director*

Olivia Vogel, *voice*
Damen Means, *alto saxophone*
Aiden Teasley, *guitar*
Parker Williams, *drums*
Dirui Jiang, *bass*

Jesse Wittman, *director*

Olander Porter, *trombone*
Aaron Wilson, *tenor saxophone*
Preston Fox, *guitar*
Lucas Samberg, *bass*
Yusef Alsatie, *drums*
Elvin Deckard, *alto saxophone*

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

SANDY WILLIAMS

Sandy Williams has been a fixture on the Indiana music scene for several decades. His live performance credits include performing with Idina Menzel, John Waters, Liza Minnelli, Marvin Hamlisch, alt-country rocker Steve Earle, Michael Feinstein's live PBS special, the Steve Allee Big Band, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. He has performed in the pit orchestra for a number of touring Broadway shows, including "The Lion King," "Chicago," "Legally Blonde," "Motown," and "Beautiful." As a studio musician his credits include The Rounder Records box set (with Carrie Newcomer), jazz arranger John Clayton, John Mellencamp's movie soundtrack "Falling from Grace" (with Larry Crane), Hal Leonard publications' Essential Elements series, hundreds of jingles, and gospel singers Sandi Patti and Bill Gaither. He is the author of Live Sound for Guitar (pub. Cengage Learning) and technical editor for many of the Guitar for Dummies series. In November 2014, he performed four concerts in Guangzhou, China with jazz pianist Steve Allee.

JESSE WITTMAN

Jesse Wittman is a bassist, composer, educator, and recording artist based in Indianapolis, Indiana. He holds a degree in Jazz Studies from Indiana University, where he studied with David Baker and Bruce Bransby. He also holds a master's degree in Composition from Butler University, where he studied with James Aikman and Michael Schelle. He currently teaches jazz bass at Butler University, and has had the pleasure of working with great musicians around the country such as Nicole Henry, Marvin Hamlisch, Steve Houton, Anne Hampton Callaway, and trombonist Steve Davis.

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