

# Jazz Combos

*Directors:*

JUSTIN CHESAREK

TREY WRIGHT

TYRONE JACKSON

MARC MILLER

LUKE WEATHINGTON



Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm and 8 pm

Wilson Annex Building, Onyx Theater

Seventy-second & Seventy-third Concerts of the 2018-19 Concert Season



## Jazz Combos

5:30 performance

THURSDAY 109 COMBO, Justin Chesarek, *Director*

***Sandu*** / Clifford Brown / arr. Chesarek

***The Days of Wine and Roses*** / Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer

***Afternoon in Paris*** / John Lewis

WEDNESDAY 109 COMBO, Trey Wright, *Director*

***“A Tribute to Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers”***

***One by One*** / Wayne Shorter

***Along Came Betty*** / Benny Golson

***Blues March*** / Golson

WEDNESDAY 2080 COMBO, Tyrone Jackson, *Director*

***Midnight Sun*** / Lionel Hampton and Sonny Burke

***Devil May Care*** / Bob Dorough / arr. Jamie Cullum

***Afro Blue*** / Mongo Santamaria / arr. Robert Glasper

## Jazz Combos

8:00 performance

THURSDAY ANNEX COMBO, Marc Miller, *Director*

***When You Wish Upon a Star*** / Leigh Harline and Ned Washington

***Norwegian Wood*** / John Lennon and Paul McCartney / arr. Herbie Hancock

***Somewhere in the Hills*** / Music: Antonio Carlos Jobim / Lyric: Vinicius de Moraes / English lyric: Ray Gilbert

THURSDAY 2080 COMBO, Tyrone Jackson, *Director*

***Midnight Special*** / Jimmy Smith

***Jazz Crimes*** / Joshua Redman

***Red Clay*** / Freddie Hubbard

WEDNESDAY SCOTT COMBO, Luke Weathington, *Director*

***New Sense*** / Brad Cannata

***Cocho*** / Cannata

***Bye Bye Blues*** / Josh Inglis



## 5:30 pm Personnel

### **THURSDAY 109 COMBO**

Nathan Woosley, tenor saxophone  
Tommy Smith, baritone saxophone  
Max Bogle, baritone saxophone  
Trevor Lynch, guitar  
Asuria Austin, bass  
Justin Chesarek, drums, *Director*

### **WEDNESDAY 109 COMBO**

Raphael de Jesus, alto saxophone  
Zack Opitz, trombone  
Steven Lukehart, piano  
Max Bogle, bass  
Max Toomey, drums  
Trey Wright, *Director*

### **WEDNESDAY 2080 COMBO**

Carlos Diaz Hernandez, drums  
Diego Fonseca Perez, guitar  
Jimmy Snyder, alto saxophone  
Kevin Worley, tenor saxophone  
Ezra Trotman, vocals  
Asuria Austin, bass  
Tyrone Jackson, *Director*

## 8:00 pm Personnel

### **THURSDAY 2130 COMBO**

Rebecca Miller, vocals  
Gage Fisher, trombone  
Steven Lukehart, trumpet, piano  
Trey Dunnahoo, guitar  
Fran Lora, bass  
Dennis Durrett-Smith, drums  
Marc Miller, *Director*

### **THURSDAY 2080 COMBO**

Zach Wilson, organ  
Zack Smith, drums  
Grady Housworth, trombone  
Rodrigo Suarez, guitar  
Tyrone Jackson, *Director*

### **WEDNESDAY SCOTT COMBO**

Kristin Houston, vocals  
Josh Inglis, tenor saxophone  
Grady Housworth, trombone  
Zach Wilson, piano  
Brad Cannata, bass  
Zack Smith, drums  
Luke Weathington, *Director*

# Biographies



**Justin Chesarek** began gigging at the age of twelve with Pittsburgh jazz legend Harold Betters and spent time listening to Roger Humphries live, well-known for his work with Horace Silver. After earning a Bachelors of Music in Music Education from Slippery Rock University, Justin pursued a Masters of Music and Jazz Studies at Georgia State University. Along the way, Chesarek filled his gig-calendar, making a name for himself as an exceptional musician.

Justin performs regularly with Joe Alterman, Trey Wright, Gary Motley, The Joe Gransden Big Band, the ATL Collective, and he is a regular at the Atlanta Jazz Festival. He has performed at The Iridium and The Blue Note in New York, Washington DC's Kennedy Center, a TED Talk, the Juneau Jazz and Classics Festival in Alaska, The North Sea Jazz Festival in Holland, and the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

At KSU, Chesarek holds the title of Artist-in-Residence in Jazz Percussion and Jazz Combos and teaches Jazz Percussion. He is the Artist Affiliate of Jazz Percussion at Emory University, and he runs a private studio of his own working with students of all ages. His students have gone on to become professional touring musicians, off-broadway theater pit players, and top call Atlanta drummers. He is a board member of the Atlanta Lovers of Music Association, and a proud endorser of Regal Tip drum sticks, mallets, and brushes.

Justin lives in Decatur, GA, with his wife and daughter.



**Trey Wright** is a jazz guitarist and composer based in Roswell, Georgia. At KSU, Trey currently teaches Applied Jazz Guitar, Jazz Theory and Composition, Jazz Guitar Ensemble, Jazz History, Jazz Improvisation and The History of Rock. Trey has also taught at LaGrange College, Gainesville College, the Atlanta Institute of Music, and the University of Georgia.

Trey leads or co-leads several jazz groups including the Laura Coyle and Trey Wright Duo, the Trey Wright Trio and the Hibbard/Wright Project. In addition, Trey also performs freelance in the Atlanta area and has performed with Yellowjackets bassist Jimmy Haslip, John Patitucci, Joe Lovano, Corey Christiansen and Darmon Meader of the New York Voices. Trey has performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival; Jazz A Vienne; the International Festival of University Theatre of Casablanca Morocco; the World Sacred Music Festival in Bangalore, India; and in Montepulciano, Italy. In early 2008, Trey began playing with the Georgia Symphony Jazz Orchestra.

In 2006, Trey released his first CD *Where I'm Calling From*, receiving rave reviews and airplay throughout the United States and abroad. The Trey Wright Trio released *Thinking Out Loud* in the summer of 2009 on Blue Canoe Records. In the Fall of 2012, the Trey Wright Trio's version of Thom Yorke's "Analyze" was included on the compilation *Head Radio Retransmissions: A Tribute to Radiohead* on the German label ESC records. Other recent CD projects include *The Hibbard/Wright Project* (2013) and *Songs From Oak Avenue* (2015). Over the past two years, Trey's *Blue Canoe* releases were included as part of Delta Airlines In Flight Entertainment on domestic and international routes.



**Tyrone Jackson** – the name is quickly becoming synonymous with the quintessential jazz piano player. Born in the New Orleans cradle of jazz, Jackson embodies the spirit of the Crescent City.

As a composer, Jackson has composed original music for the Alliance theater's productions of *Native Guard*, *Tell Me My Dream* and *Ethel*.

Additionally, Jackson has composed and recorded 4 CD's and performed on countless others. His newest CD, *From The Mind Of* is a testament of his ability to crossover genre lines. Jackson has performed with Steve Turre, Larry Carlton, Wynton Marsalis, Branford Marsalis, Wycliffe Gordon, Vincent Gardner, Joe Lovano, Jennifer Holliday, Russell Malone, and Marcus Miller.

Currently, Tyrone Jackson is a professor at Kennesaw State University where he is Lecturer of Jazz Piano and teaches a myriad of classes.



**Marc Miller** joined Kennesaw State University in 2010. Starting on tuba in elementary school, he picked up electric bass in middle school and double bass in college. Studying under Melanie Punter and Bill Peterson, Marc completed his Bachelor's degree at Florida State University in Jazz Studies. He then went on to study

under John Fremgen and David Neubert at the University of Texas at Austin, completing his Master's degree in Performance in 2002.

Comfortable in any musical style, Marc has performed and recorded with many jazz artists, rock groups, tango, hip-hop, flamenco, salsa, and folk ensembles. While in Austin he was a member of pioneering jazz group, Blaze, winner of the Austin Music Awards Best Jazz Group for several years running. He has performed regularly with Bob Reynolds, Jason Marsalis, and Lizz Wright. He has also shared the stage with Tim Hagans, Bob Brookmeyer, Wynton Marsalis, Marcus Printup and Mike Stern.

Marc can be heard performing around town in a variety of ensembles, encompassing many genres of music. He is a regular member of the Trey Wright Trio and the Mace Hibbard Group, appearing on their most recent albums, as well as many other local jazz ensembles. Additionally, he performs with salsa groups Orquesta Macuba and Vecinos Del Mundo, pit orchestras at the Fox, The Atlanta Pops Orchestra, and many other local artists.



**Luke Weathington**, Alabama native, has been active on the Atlanta music scene for a decade. Mr. Weathington graduated from Kennesaw State University with a degree in Saxophone Performance in 2012; and graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Jazz Studies in 2015. During his course work at KSU, Luke was a member and composer of the original music group, Sub-list, which was selected to

perform at the JEN conference in 2013. His works are featured on the School of Music CD released in 2013. Mr. Weathington's teachers were Dr. Mitchel Henson, Sam Skelton and Mace Hibbard.

As a woodwind doubler, Weathington's ability to play saxophone, clarinet, and flute has kept him very busy in musical theaters around Atlanta, most notably, the Fox Theater and the Lyric Theatre.

As a sideman, Luke has had the pleasure of performing with The Temptations, The Glen Miller Orchestra, John Driskell Hopkins, Omid, Johnnie Mathis, Carmen Bradford, Francine Reed, Freddie Cole, Jackie Burnes, Alan Vache, Matt Cattigub, The Macon Pops Orchestra, The Cobb Symphony Orchestra Jazz, Joe Gransden's Big Band, Atlanta All-Star Big Band, Atlanta Latin Jazz Orchestra, The Douglas Cameron Orchestra, and The Due West Celebration Orchestra.

Weathington is proud to be a member of the Georgia Symphony Orchestra JAZZ! since 2013; as well as a founding member of the original big band music group, Rebel Big Band.

Luke is currently Artist-in-Residence in Saxophone at Kennesaw State University and is a member of the Faculty Jazz Parliament Ensemble, as well as the Faculty/Student Combo that has performed at notable jazz clubs in Atlanta.







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