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### Good Evening,

Welcome to an evening of vibrant rhythms, infectious energy, and unforgettable music! We are thrilled to have you join us for the Cha-Cha Charleston concert. Tonight's performance is made possible in part by the generous support of Richard and Elizabeth Hogue.

I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our season subscribers. Your commitment means the world to us. By subscribing to our season, you not only secure your seat at every performance but also help us continue to bring world-class jazz to Charleston. Your support ensures that the vibrant sounds of jazz resonate throughout our community, enriching lives and keeping this cherished art form alive.

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Tatjana Beylotte Executive Director

"What happened in Charleston, New Orleans, Memphis, Kansas City, Savannah and other cities not only illustrates the fact that jazz was born in America, their stories prove that America is built on the same principles as jazz. It's a kind of real-world metaphor. Jazz is democratic. Everyone can have something to say. It's diverse and inclusive. It's an experiment.

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— Jack McCray, Co-Founder of Charleston Jazz









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### Our Mission

To grow a local and global community for jazz through performance, education, and outreach while celebrating and preserving Charleston's rich history in jazz.

### Our Mission In Action

Our vision is to positively impact lives through music within a collaborative community that celebrates and perpetuates jazz. Presenting live jazz performances is central to our purpose of celebrating this great art form. We showcase renowned professional musicians in live jazz performances through a variety of programs.

If you would like to support the work of Charleston Jazz, consider making a one-time or recurring donation: charlestonjazz.com/support.

### Jazz Performance

### Charleston Jazz Orchestra

Our 18-member ensemble presents a full season featuring renowned guest stars from around the world.



### Momentum

Momentum is what happens when jazz collides with Fusion, R&B, Soul, Jazz, and Gospel! Warning - things might get a little funky, and we can't guarantee you'll stay in your seat!

### Art of Jazz

If art was a song, what would it sound like? In this series, jazz composers create original music inspired by works on display at the Gibbes Museum.



### Charleston Jazz Festival

Imagine spending four days soaking up world-class jazz! Enjoy a taste of the vibrant local jazz scene and appearances by international headliners.

### Jazz Education & Outreach

Our education programs cultivate a community where all people can experience the joy of music and understand and appreciate the value and legacy of jazz. In 2023, we served over 4,200 students.

### Charleston Jazz Academy

We provide classes, camps and masterclasses to students of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Around 50% of students are enrolled on a full financial needsbased scholarship. In 2023, we provided \$86,000 in scholarships.

Our advanced combo had the honor of performing during the Spoleto Festival Opening Ceremony this past May.



### Jazz in Schools

Do you remember the first time you heard jazz? We present in-school programs, master classes, and performances that educate, inspire and make impactful jazz experiences accessible to schools.



### Jazz Pass Program

K-12 students have access to world-class jazz performances at no cost through our partnerships with area schools. In 2023, we provided 688 jazz passes to students.

### Jazz Day for Kids

1,400+ K-12 students enjoy a live big band performance featuring members of the Charleston Jazz Orchestra and Charlton Singleton at the Gailliard Center.



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Dinner | Live Auction | Vibraphone Performance By Stefon Harris

Proceeds support our jazz performance, education and outreach programs.

### **OCT 18**

AMERICAN THEATER 6:00 PM-9:30 PM

TICKETS: CHARLESTONJAZZ.COM



### Song List

#### La Fábula

Composed by Yusa Adapted by Iliana Rose

#### Tomando El Centro

Composed by Yusa Arranged by Iliana Rose

### Immigrant Blues

Composed by Alex Alvear Adapted by Iliana Rose

#### Kamikaze

Composed by Gino Castillo Arranged by Iliana Rose and Julio Padrón

#### Cha-Cha Charleston

Composed by Gino Castillo Arranged by Jon Phillips

#### Como Fue

Composed by Ernesto Duarte Brito Arranged by Charlton Singleton

#### Afro Blue

Composed by Mongo Santamaria Arranged by David Heywood

#### Chucho

Composed and Arranged by Paquito D'Rivera

### Tanga

Composed by Mario Bauza Adapted by David Heywood

### Y Yo Ganga

Composed by Mario Bauza Adapted by David Heywood

### A Note from Robert Lewis:



After a nice summer break, we're back and ready to hit it hard! And nothing hits harder than a big band playing Ouban jazz! I'm thrilled we can reunite with both Yusa and Gino Castillo for this show. Gino, of course, is an old friend making a triumphant return, and Yusa is a new friend who blew us all away a couple of years ago in the Buena Vista Legacy show. This time we are pleased to be able to debut several brand-new charts based on their original music, as well as re-visiting some of our favorites from past shows. This one will have us all dancing!

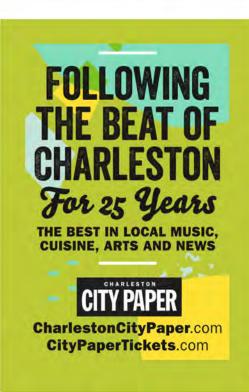
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Music Director, Charleston Jazz Orchestra



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**CHARLESTON JAZZ SINCE 2016.** 

### **Musician Bios**



### Robert Lewis, CJO Music Director, Saxophone

This musical polymath plays four instruments for the Charleston Jazz Orchestra and, in his early years, became accomplished on both the piano and bassoon. He began his musical journey at the age of eight. Now Director of Jazz Studies at the College of Charleston, Robert is a triple threat—composing, performing, and teaching jazz on a full-time basis.



#### Jon Phillips, Alto Saxophone, Flute and Clarinet

Jon started playing music when he was five. By the time he turned 20, Jon realized that journalism was boring and math was frustrating, so he picked up the saxophone, flute, and clarinet. He is also a self-taught arranger. In Jon's words, "I owe a great debt of gratitude to all my Charleston musician friends who have instructed me along the way." His attention is drawn to smiling faces in the CJO audience.



#### Jonathan Kammer Alto and Baritone Saxophone, Flute and Clarinet

Jonathan's first big break as a young musician came when he got the chance to study with Florence-native Chris Hemingway, a top-notch saxophonist fluent in classical and jazz styles. Jonathan finds inspiration from people who seek their vision of "the good" with passion and a sense of constant learning, whether they're a painter, writer, chef or political thinker.



### Mark Sterbank Tenor and Soprano Saxophone, Clarinet and Flute

Children in the Sterbank home got early musical instruction on the piano, but after three years on the keys, nine-year-old Mark picked up his uncle's saxophone. Later, he chose music education as a profession, his mother's career. Mark is a Full Professor of Jazz Studies and Saxophone at Charleston Southern University. He directs the university's jazz ensembles and teaches a variety of subjects.



### Kevin Patton, Tenor Saxophone

Kevin Patton is a composer, saxophonist, and entrepreneur located in Charleston, S.C. He graduated from College of Charleston in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Jazz Performance. Since then he has released an album titled "Full Authority" and a new single titled "It All Works Out". In addition to composing and recording, he teaches at Allegro Charter School of Music. Kevin is led by his faith and performs regularly at his church, World Overcomers Ministries.



John Cobb, Baritone Saxophone

Looking for something to do, John picked up the saxophone at age fourteen. Cobb had no intention of making music his career until he saw an advertisement for the music program at the Bronx Community College. Playing the saxophone paid for his education at The Citadel, where he earned an Education Specialist degree and then a Master of Administration. Music and education are important factors in John's life, and his advice for aspiring musicians: "Keep practicing..."



Chuck Dalton, Trumpet

Born and bred in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Chuck has been deeply influenced by the gospel and soul music native to rural Kentucky. Chuck's musical resumé is a walk down memory lane - he's performed with Frank Sinatra and Elton John, Tony Bennett and Sammy Davis, Jr., and the list goes on! Chuck works regularly with the Jennifer & Brad Moranz Productions, co-leads the party band 17 SOUTH and subs as trumpet for the Charleston Symphony's pop concerts.



Kyle Lane, Trumpet

Kyle Lane is a trumpet player, composer, arranger, and General Manager of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. Originally from Denver, Kyle received his Bachelor of Music from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and a Master from the Mannes College of Music. He has played with the likes of Doc Severinsen, John Faddis, and Johnny Mathis. Kyle has arranged works for the Charleston Symphony and Ranky Tanky, and he was commissioned to write a fanfare for the opening of the Gaillard Center by the city of Charleston.



Cameron Handel, Trumpet

A Charleston native, Cameron attended Laing Middle, Wando High, the University of Georgia, and the College of Charleston. She's been inspired by Louis Armstrong, Wynton Marsalis, and Trombone Shorty, among others. Over the years, she's performed with Adele, Michael Bolton, Seal, Wycliffe Gordon and more. When she's not on stage or caring for her two young children, Cameron gives lessons at local middle schools and Wando High.



Kevin Hackler, Trumpet

Kevin was born in bluegrass country, Galax, Virginia. Kevin revels in Big Band music, "the style played on Duke Ellington's Live at the Blue Note. It doesn't get any better than that." He first learned Big Band from trumpet legend Flea Campbell, who he first played with at age sixteen. According to Kevin, "Flea taught me 90% of what I know about Big Band section playing." By day, Kevin is a business and litigation attorney.



Stephen Spaulding, Trombone

Stephen grew up surrounded by music. Hailing from Long Island, New York, and currently living in West Ashley, Stephen studied music at Florida State University. He was inspired by the great Jim Pankow, a trombone player and composer best known as a founding member of the rock band Chicago. Looking back on his storied career, Stephen says he "always recalls fondly the experience of performing in outdoor music festivals for thousands."



Gavin Smith, Trombone

The music of Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong inspired Gavin to pick up a horn and begin his jazz journey. Former Charleston Jazz Orchestra music director, Charlton Singleton, was Gavin's sixth-grade band director, and current member Ken Foberg became Gavin's lifelong teacher, mentor, and friend. Smith attended Berklee College of Music. A highlight in his career was recording "Turn It Up" with Hootie & The Blowfish.



Ken Foburg, Trombone

Ken's musical footprint is broad, wide, and historic. He's performed with some of the all-time greats, including Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, and more. He studied at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Now passionate about teaching, he works with students at local schools and offers private lessons at home for lower brass. "Playing music energizes my soul," says Ken, "it makes me feel invigorated. It makes me happy!"



Jonathan Yeager, Bass Trombone

Jon grew up in southern California with parents who supported his musical endeavors. He studied with studio great George Roberts during his high school years. Yeager earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Humboldt State University, and he holds master's and doctoral degrees in performance from the University of North Texas. He cites one of the greatest teaching challenges as figuring out how to teach band via Zoom.



Abdiel Iriarte, Piano

Hailing from Venezuela, Iriarte has made waves in the Charleston music scene as a performer, educator, and recording artist. A highly sought-after pianist, Abdiel headlined the 2022 Charleston Jazz Festival, combining the sound of Afro-Venezuelan-Cuban rhythms with a taste of modern jazz. He was also recently featured in the Charleston Jazz Orchestra's tribute to Chick Corea and is in residence at Forte Jazz Lounge.



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#### Tyler Ross, Guitar

Tyler was born and bred in Neenah, Wisconsin, and credits his strong work ethic and devotion to music to his upbringing. Tyler took to guitar at age 12, and "as soon as I picked up the guitar, I was writing song. I work on writing every day." His craft was honed at the University of Wisconsin-Steven's Point and Western Illinois University. As a member of the College of Charleston Jazz Faculty, he teaches jazz combo, guitar ensemble, and jazz repertoire class.



#### Frank Duvall, Bass

Frank was educated in country, bluegrass, and gospel. "I'm sure it's played a part in my musical development," he says. Duvall has performed with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Buddy Greco, Bill Eckstine, Marian McPartland ("I had the pleasure of performing multiple duo concerts with Marian ... she was a joy to work with, and also had a great sense of humor"), Bob Alberti, Buddy DeFranco, Harry Allen, Scott Hamilton, John Colinai and Bill Charlap.



#### Ron Wiltrout, Drums

Ron studied music at the University of South Carolina. As a professional drummer, Ron has forged long-lasting relationships across many genres. "Some of my greatest achievements are when I spend a week playing six different gigs with six different groups playing six different styles or roles, and they all feel good and natural. It makes people smile at the end."



#### Gino Castillo, Percussion and Vocals

An Ecuadorian native and a drummer since the age of 5, Gino Castillo's music has taken him around the world. After studying at conservatories in Havana, Cuba, Gino spent some years playing as a solo artist in New York City and has taught at the Berklee College of Music. His skills and passion for Cuban jazz have earned him the title of Jazz Artist of the Year multiple times. Now settled here in Charleston, Gino performs with his group, The Cuban Cowboys.



#### Yusa, Cuban Tres and Vocals

Buena Vista born, Yusa has been playing music for most of her life. Picking up the guitar at age 6, she progressed to Cuban tres guitar, piano, and bass. Her origins at the Amadeo Roldán Music Conservatory led her to her time as a member of the female quintet Quasi-Jazz. She has curated her own signature sound, a vibrant tribute to her Cuban roots bringing new depth and connection through the genres of funk, jazz, and soul.

### An Electrifying Week with Jazz Master Stefon Harris



We are hosting acclaimed jazz performer and educator Stefon Harris for a one-week residency this October.

Stefon Harris will inspire the next generation of jazz musicians by visiting 6-8 local schools to conduct educational programs and share his expertise with our Charleston Jazz Academy students. His residency will culminate in two spectacular events: a special performance at the Charleston Jazz Gala on October 18 and headlining with the Charleston Jazz Orchestra on October 19. This is a rare opportunity to experience the brilliance of Stefon Harris up close—don't miss it!





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