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WHAT IS JAZZ?

Dictionaries define 'jazz' as an American art form derived from ragtime and blues, and a series of propulsive rhythms, dynamic ensembles, and improvisation. But, is it more than that? Something about Jazz music lifts our spirits, makes us want to dance, and touches the brooding emotions below the surface.

Throughout history jazz has changed the landscape of American culture by addressing contemporary issues, incorporating multicultural influences, and challenging us to move to new rhythms, sounds, and instrumentation. Vocalists and instrumentalists from throughout jazz history

are studied at universities. Artists' work are revisited and reimagined in concert halls and late-night clubs alike, around the world. Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Thelonious Monk (to name a few!) have become household names. Even today, popular artists and productions incorporate jazz, stretch its limits, and reinvent the standards.

And the connection runs especially deep here in the City of Brotherly Love. Philadelphia developed an early jazz scene starting with Ethel Waters and exploding through the decades to include the unforgettable music of local artists John Coltrane, Billie Holliday, The

Heath Brothers, and others. For more than a decade the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts has celebrated Jazz - from presenting world renowned artists, to honoring Philadelphia's vibrant and storied legacy.

Now, through Jazz at the Kimmel, we're embarking on a new journey. Following in the footsteps of these legends we are setting out to explore where jazz came from, what it is today, and how the fundamental elements that make up this American art form are being woven together with new influences, sounds, technology, and creativity to generate a completely new experience for audiences.

This season, join us as we present jazz greats including Bobby McFerrin, Buika, Kurt Rosenwinkel, musicians direct from the Newport Jazz Festival, and more; share our passion for jazz with the next generation of stars through free arts education programs and performances; rock the Commonwealth Plaza with Sittin' In (the most innovative late night in Philly); and push the envelope on the definition of jazz by creating collaborative works through our new Jazz Residency.



The Kimmel Center receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

KIMMEL CENTER PRESENTS



JAN 16 • 7:30PM • PERELMAN THEATER
**KURT ROSENWINKEL
NEW QUARTET**

There are artists who uphold what's already been defined in music and then there are artists who do the defining. Guitarist, composer, and educator Kurt Rosenwinkel undisputedly sits among the trailblazers in the latter group.

MAR 9 • 8PM • MERRIAM THEATER
**NEWPORT JAZZ
FESTIVAL®: NOW 60**

Newport Jazz Festival®: Now 60 celebrates both the great history of the Newport Jazz Festival® and its current role as one of the most active presenters of contemporary jazz artists in the world.



APR 10 • 7:30PM • PERELMAN THEATER
AN EVENING WITH BUIKA

Buika introduces her new studio album entitled *La Noche Más Larga* (The Longest Night) featuring a blend of classic songs of varying styles; each one symbolizing a different moment in her life.

This program is generously supported by Health Partners of Philadelphia, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc, UGI Corporation/AmeriGas



APR 11 & 12 | SEI INNOVATION STUDIO
NO PLACE TO GO
Composed and Performed by Ethan Lipton and his Orchestra

One of NYC's most beloved live bands, the songs of Ethan Lipton & His Orchestra are steeped in American traditions of yore (jazz, blues, country, lounge), but his subjects are thoroughly modern (internet romance, racism, pets, police).

This tour of Ethan Lipton is made possible by a grant from Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. This performance is also generously supported by the Pfizer Foundation

APR 25 • 7:30PM • PERELMAN THEATER
**JON BATISTE AND
STAY HUMAN**

Jon Batiste & Stay Human return to the Kimmel Center for a fantastic night of jazz! Batiste ignited the NYC music scene and has since performed in over 40 countries, appeared in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and The Kennedy Center, and released several albums.



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KIMMEL CENTER ARTS EDUCATION

FREE! DEC 21 • 1:30PM • COMMONWEALTH PLAZA

CREATIVE MUSIC PROGRAM: WINTER CONCERT

Join our talented Creative Music Program (CMP) students as they present an afternoon of jazz! CMP is a full, school-year music program that features various ensembles, guest master classes, and professional teaching artists designed to help prepare students for a career in music, or their continuation to an institute of higher learning. These amazing students will perform everything from jazz standards to original compositions.

FREE! MAR 8 • 11AM • COMMONWEALTH PLAZA

PNC GROW UP GREAT: ALL ABOARD THE JAZZ TRAIN

Kids and parents, get ready to board the Jazz Express! Together with our partners at the Temple University Music Preparatory Division, we've curated an exciting morning full of jazz and live performance that little arts-lovers will ADORE. In this interactive concert, children and families will be introduced to the amazing world of jazz music and encouraged to sing, scat, and groove along with the band. All Aboard!

The Kimmel Center is the recipient of partnership funding through the nationally recognized PNC "Grow Up Great" program, a \$350 million, multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age five for success in school and life.



The Creative Music Program is generously supported by ACE Group and Universal Health Services. This program is also supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts Art Works.

SITTIN' IN

FREE! Featuring the hottest talent on the scene!

Sittin' In is the free, monthly jam session at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Blending edgy horns, choice vinyl, cutting edge MC's and soaring vocalists, each session is unique, led by a stellar lineup of guest hosts and their band of choice. The likes of James Poyser, DJ Rich Medina, Jeff Bradshaw and many more take the stage as the bar serves up specialty cocktails from Iron Chef Jose Garces. Don't miss the most innovative late night in Philadelphia!

Doors @ 8pm | Stage @ 9:15pm | Close @ 11pm

#WhoIsSittinIn

Next Up:

Select hosts to be announced. Each month's event features resident Turntabilist DJ PSH and MC Laiya St. Clair.

Wed, Dec 11 Jeff Bradshaw | SEI Innovation Studio

Wed, Jan 8 Dice Raw of the Legendary Roots Crew | Commonwealth Plaza

Wed, Feb 12 Lauren Talese | SEI Innovation Studio

Sittin' In is made possible by generous support from



JAZZ RESIDENCY IN SEI INNOVATION STUDIO

We are thrilled to present a comprehensive, season-long Jazz Residency program that puts the spotlight on three local artists who will bring cutting-edge performances and workshops to SEI Innovation Studio. Each artist, selected by an incredible panel of Jazz experts from across the country, will explore the jazz tradition with a fresh new approach that features new music, incorporates elements drawn from other musical genres including Afro-Cuban, Bata rhythms of the Yoruba, and Hip-Hop. Through this residency, new works will be created and local artists will be given a platform to share their take on what jazz is and where it's going.

2013/14 JAZZ RESIDENCY ARTISTS:



Josh Lawrence with collaborators Anwar Marshall, Tim Conley, Jason Fraticelli, and The Fresh Cut Orchestra



Composers Bobby Zankel and Francois Zayas working with Choreographer Raphael Xavier



Pablo Batista working with his band The Mambo Syndicate

Each artist will present a work-in-progress performance, two arts education workshops, and a final performance of their finished work. To learn more about our Residency Artists and a complete schedule of events, visit kimmelcenter.org/jazz.



The Kimmel Center's Jazz Residency is made possible by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. We would also like to thank the Hearst Foundation for their generous contribution to the Residency.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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