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THE 29TH ANNUAL
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JAZZ FEST

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WELCOME TO THE 29TH ANNUAL FRIENDS UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL!



Dr. Nick Schroeder serves as the visiting assistant professor of music and interim program director of jazz but has been with Friends since 2016 as an adjunct brass improvisation instructor.

He received his Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas and both a Master of Music in Jazz Studies and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Jazz Performance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Schroeder is a freelance trumpet player, the jazz band director at Washburn University Summer Jazz Combo Camp, a bandleader at Salt City Big Band and has performed with notable groups such as The Rat Pack, The Temptations, The Four Tops and Guy Lombardo Orchestra to name a few. Previously Dr. Schroeder was the coordinator of the jazz program and music instructor at Hutchinson Community College.

Dr. Schroeder is excited to return to our long-established tradition of two days of excellent performances, clinics and educational opportunities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Schroeder'.

Dr. Nick Schroeder

Visiting Assistant Professor of Music
Interim Program Director of Jazz

JAZZ FESTIVAL FRIDAY CONCERT
The Friends University Concert Jazz Band
featuring the Dreamliners
Friday, February 18, 2022

Concert Jazz Band I Directed by Dr. Nick Schroeder

How Great Thou Artarr. John Clayton
Dexter Hurst

Pyramid comp./arr. Duke Ellington, Juan Tizol
Peter Roenne, Nate Brightup, Miguel Guzman, Becker Truster, Gabe Karst

Blues For Stephaniecomp./arr. John Clayton
Jonah Schloneger, Gavin Hawkins, Becker Truster, Drew Walden, Ethan Chouinard

Lush Life comp. Billy Strayhorn/arr. Mike Tomaro
Gabe Karst, Jonah Schloneger

Tanga comp. Dizzy Gillespie/arr. Mark Taylor
Miguel Guzman, Oscar Ramos

It Had to be Youcomp. Gus Kahn, Isham Jones/arr. Peter Blair
Jyavon Hill (vocal)

Do Nothin' 'Til You Hear From Mecomp. Duke Ellington/arr. Billy May
Tyruzaay Richards (vocal) and Gabe Karst

It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing comp. Duke Ellington/
arr. Matt Harris
Tyruzaay Richards and Jyavon Hill (vocalists)
Miguel Guzman, Oscar Ramos, Adam Tillberg

INTERMISSION

Dreamliners I Directed by Dr. Craig Curry
(selected from the following)

Cotton Tail.....Ellington
arr. Darmon Meader
Anna Christensen, Chris Loucks

Family of LoveCedric Dent
Chad Irvin, Samantha Kuemmerle

Folsom Prison Blues..... Cash/arr. Craig Curry
Isaac Penner, Timeri Thompson, Miguel Santana, Nathan Borton

London by Night Coates/arr. Gene Puerling
Chris Loucks

Oh, Lady Be Good!..... Gershwin/arr. Darmon
Meader
Anna Christensen, Timeri Thompson, Jared Shetler, Connor Siler

Surrey with the Fringe on Top Hammerstein/
arr. Roger Treece and Connaitre Miller
Chad Irvin, Chris Loucks, Samantha Kuemmerle

Thankful Lang/arr. Craig Curry
Chad Irvin

Through the Years/My Romance Heyman/Hart, arr. Gene Puerling
Jared Shetler

JAZZ FESTIVAL SATURDAY CONCERT
Friends University SOULstice and Equinox
featuring the Friends All-Star Jazz Sextet
Saturday, February 19, 2022

Friends University Combos
Equinox I Directed by Renea Abdallah

Georgia On My Mind.....comp. Hoagy Carmichael

Impressionscomp. John Coltrane

SOULstice I Directed by Dr. Nick Shroeder

Top of my Head..... comp. Roy Hargrove

Spain.....comp. Chick Corea

Cherokee..... comp. Ray Noble

Sittin' Here.....comp. Phil Woods

INTERMISSION

The Friends All-Star Jazz Sextet
(selected from the following)

Hey, Lock-Eddie "Lockjaw" Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis/arr. Josh Davis

The Heavyweight..... Zach Rich

Change Nathan Borton/arr. Joseph Herbst

What Now? Nathan Borton

Seraph..... Zach Rich

Cultura Perdida (Missing Culture) Miguel Santan Morales
arr. Rowdy Wendland

Moanin' comp. Bobby Timmons

MUSICIANS

Friends University Concert Jazz Band

Directed by Dr. Nick Schroeder

Saxophone

Oscar Ramos, lead
Luis Morales Moreno
Miguel Guzman
Nate Brightup
Becker Truster

Trumpet

Joe Fisher, lead
Josh Bergman
Courtney Osterhout
Peter Roenne

Trombone

Gabe Karst, lead
Dexter Hurst
Drew Walden
Gavin Hawkins
Adin Gilmore

Vocal

Tyruzaay Richards
Jyavon Hill

Rhythm Section

Adin Gilmore, bass
Ethan Chouinard, guitar
Jonah Schloneger, piano
Kris Brown, bass
Adam Tillberg, Matt Treto, drums

THE DREAMLINERS

Directed by Dr. Craig Curry

Vocalists

Anna Christensen, soprano (2018)
Chad Irvin, tenor (2018)
Samantha Kuemmerle, soprano (2021)
Chris Loucks, bass (2015)
Isaac Penner, tenor (2019)
Jared Shetler, tenor (2019)
Dominick Thompson, baritone (2018)
Timeri Thompson, alto (2018)

Rhythm Section

Nathan Borton, guitar (2016)
Dr. Craig Curry, piano
Miguel Santana Morales, bass (2020)
Connor Siler, drums (2018)

Friends University Equinox Jazz Combo

Directed by Renea Abdallah

Saxophone

Nate Brightup

Luis Morales Moreno

Rhythm Section

Grahm Edminsten, Tyruzaay Richards, G

Makenna Williams, bass

Matt Treto, drums

Vocal

Tyruzaay Richards

Friends University SOULstice Jazz Combo

Directed by Dr. Nick Schroeder

Saxophone

Oscar Ramos

Miguel Guzman

Becker Truster

Rhythm Section

Jonah Schloneger, piano

Miguel Santana Morales, bass

Adam Tillberg, drums

The Friends All-Star Jazz Sextet

Zach Rich, trombone (2016)

Jason Whitmore, tenor saxophone

Nathan Borton, guitar (2016)

Josh Davis, piano (2011)

Miguel Santana Morales, bass (2020)

Sam Hake, drums (2008)

BIOGRAPHY

The Dreamliners

The Dreamliners are a Wichita-based jazz vocal group formed in the fall of 2019. In addition to their love for jazz singing, they share a common history as members of Friends University Jazz Vocal Ensemble over the past decade. Performing a mix of classic jazz standards and jazz-based arrangements of modern popular music, The Dreamliners strive to unite and delight their listeners across generations. Their most recent performances include opening for Count Basie Orchestra vocalist, Carmen Bradford, and a Youth Horizons Christmas benefit concert. Craig Curry, former Friends University faculty, serves as Musical Director and arranger for the group.

The Friends All-Star Jazz Sextet

Zach Rich

Zach Rich is a multi award-winning composer, trombonist, and educator from Wichita, KS. Zach has written music for many professional ensembles and organizations including the New York Youth Symphony, the Ravinia Steans Music Institute, the Texas Music Educators Association, the Oklahoma Music Educators Association, Pathways to Jazz, and many universities and high schools throughout the country. His works have also received awards by organizations such as ISJAC, the Jazz Education Network, ASCAP, ASMAC, Downbeat Magazine, Pathways to Jazz, and Jazz at Lincoln Center. Currently based in Colorado. Zach writes for and performs with a variety of ensembles throughout the Front Range and Midwest areas. His debut

album, *Boundless*, is available on all streaming platforms. "Boundless is full of stellar writing and playing - very enjoyable to the ear." -Chris Potter



Sam Hake

Sam Hake graduated from Friends in 2008 with a Bachelors of Music Business and was named the Jazz program's "Outstanding Jazz Student" in 2008. He was a founding member of the Friends Jazz combo Soulstice, and performed in all of the Jazz ensembles offered, on both drumset and vibraphone. Professionally he has performed in countless jazz combos with Wichita's finest jazz musicians and has been active in live theater and all music types. He has played with and been a part of: The Cherokee Maidens, Riverside 65, The Project H, The Wonder Revolution, Lisa Hittle Quartet, LoWhitHake Trio, David Lord Trio, and many more. Currently Sam is in his 14th year at Wichita Collegiate School as the Assistant band



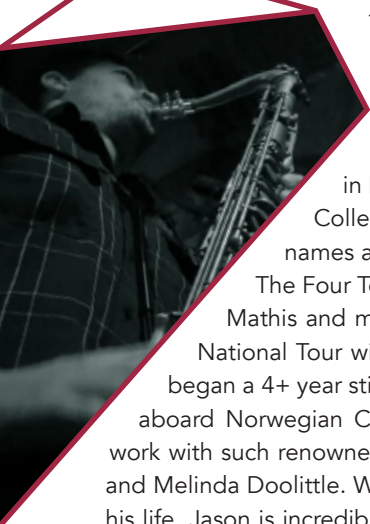
director where he happily teaches 5-12 instrumental music, drumline, and jazz ensembles. Recently Sam earned his Masters in Music with emphasis in education from Kansas State University in the summer of 2019.

Jason Whitmore

While attending Friends University, Jason Whitmore was one of the original members in the jazz quintet 'Soulstice' that won the University of North Texas Jazz Festival in 2009. Aside from performing in the UNT and UNC Greeley festivals, he has performed at the Orléans and Jazz à Juan festivals in France and the Umbria Jazz Festival in Italy. After attending Friends University, he has served as Artist in Residence at Southwestern College and taught at Cowley College for 4 years. Jason has performed with such prominent names and bands including, but not limited to, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Shirley Jones, Wayne Newton, Mark Preston, Johnny Mathis and most recently Carmen Bradford. In 2015, he completed a National Tour with Tony Award Winning Musical, 'Memphis' and in 2016 began a 4+ year stint with the Tony Award Winning Musical, 'After Midnight' aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Escape where he was fortunate enough to work with such renowned artists as Brenda Braxton, Sharon Wilkins, Marva Hicks and Melinda Doolittle. With Friends University having such an influential effect on his life, Jason is incredibly grateful and humbled to be representing other alumni at the 29th Annual Jazz Festival.

Nathan Borton

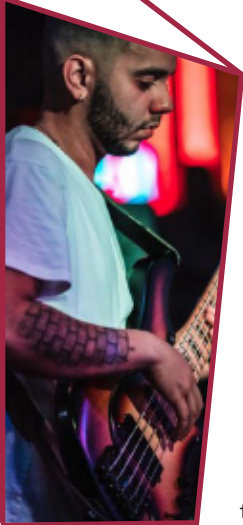
Hailing from Kansas City, Nathan Borton is a Detroit based Jazz guitar player that draws heavily from the mid-western tradition of bebop and the blues. Currently, Nathan is a Teaching Assistant for the nationally acclaimed Jazz Studies program at Michigan State University under the direction of Rodney Whitaker. There he is studying guitar under the tutelage of the great Randy Napoleon. Nathan has played with and alongside names such as: Freddie Cole, Melissa Aldana, and Dmitri Matheny. Recently, Nathan was a finalist in the Wilson Center International Competition located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Nathan is also an avid educator of music. He currently teaches at the Jazz and Creative Institute in Kalamazoo, Michigan under the direction of Benje and Ashley Daneman.



Miguel Francisco Santana Morales

Based in Wichita, KS

A versatile multi-instrumentalist Miguel Santana Morales is a local musician, educator, composer whose mission is to fuse more than one culture through music to bring a new sound to all those who hear it. Born and raised in Carolina, Puerto Rico has spent almost 20 years studying and learning a large variety of music genres. After attending Berklee summer programs for 6 years Miguel Santana Morales took his understanding of music to another level which led him to learn other instruments, to arrange, compose, produce, and teach. He moved to Wichita in 2015, then Lisa Hittle reached out for Miguel to attend Friends University. He then continued his university studies and graduated in summer of 2020. He is currently Co-director of Conjunto Latino de Friends University. Miguel is a working musician in the city of Wichita and has been a part of many events, bands, concerts, and festivals. He has also toured with OKAN, a Cuban group based out of Canada and with Evann McIntosh in many cities nation-wide.





THE *RISE UP* CAMPAIGN

RINEY FINE ARTS CENTER RENOVATIONS

The Riney Fine Arts Center has had a home on the Friends University campus since the 1960s. While it has hosted high-quality music, dance and theatrical performances for decades, it was built without the future in mind. Friends University is seeking to renovate and expand the performance spaces, entrance, lobby and more to better serve our students and local community for the next fifty years.

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29th Annual Friends University Jazz Festival

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Dodge City Middle School
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Turner High School
Trinity Academy High School
Great Bend High School
Garden City High School
Valley Center High School
Wichita High School East
Wichita Collegiate Upper School
Wichita High School South

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY JAZZ FACULTY

Dr. Nick Schroeder | Program director and trumpet instructor
Randy Zellers | Guitar instructor
Andy Slater | Drum set instructor
John Goering | Piano instructor
Lisa Hittle | Saxophone instructor
Renea Abdallah | Jazz bass instructor

SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO:

Dr. Amy Carey
Shawn Knopp
Tyruzaay Richards
Miguel Guzman
Alyssa Whalen
Robyn Mabe
Andrew Slater
KAKE- TV
Radio Kansas
Lisa Hittle
Jessica Boone
KMUW

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY JAZZ PROGRAM

The Friends University jazz department consists of Concert Jazz Band, Conjunto Latino, Jazz Vocal Ensemble, three combos, beginning level improvisation classes for both instrumental and vocal students, and intermediate and advanced level improvisation via private instruction. There is a concentration in jazz degree for music performance majors.

Sebitts, Crum, and McAfee Jazz Scholarships provide financial aid to outstanding jazz students and can be stacked on top of regular fine arts and academic scholarship funds.

The Sebitts jazz guest artist endowment helps bring outstanding individuals and groups to campus for teaching and performing. Guest artists have included Marilyn Maye, Bobby Watson, Wycliffe Gordon, Wayne Bergeron, Maynard Ferguson, Clark Terry, The Count Basie Orchestra, New York Voices, The Big Phat Band, Carmen Bradford, Matt Wilson, and many, many others.

February 2022 marks the 29th annual Friends University Jazz Festival. This two-day festival attracts more than 800 middle school, high school, and junior college students. Featured clinicians at past festivals include Clark Terry, the Frank Mantooth Quartet with Kevin Mahogany, Shelly Berg with Carmen Bradford, University of North Texas Faculty Quintet, the Boulevard Big Band of Kansas City, the Cyrus Chestnut Trio, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, the Matt Wilson Quartet and the Count Basie Orchestra with the New York Voices, and many others.

The Friends University jazz groups perform extensively on campus, at area high schools, in runouts and tours, and at Wichita community events. Many Friends University students play professionally in the Wichita area and a number have continued their jazz studies at schools such as the University of North Texas, The University of Central Oklahoma, University of Northern Colorado, UMKC, Michigan State University, University of Nebraska, and many others.

The Friends University jazz groups have traveled extensively in the mid-west, and have won jazz festival competitions at The University of North Texas and the University of Kansas. They have been selected by taped audition to perform on the Kansas Music Educators Conference twelve years in row. Jazz Ensemble I traveled to Cuba to perform as a part of the 28th Annual Havana International Jazz Festival, Dec. 20-24, 2012. They were the only college jazz ensemble from the US invited to perform that year.



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Friends University Community Orchestra

Tuesday, March 29 | 7:30 p.m.

Sebets Auditorium

Singing Quakers Home Concert

Friday & Saturday, March 18-19 | 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20 | 2 p.m.

Sebets Auditorium

Concert Band with Wichita East High School

Monday, April 4 | 7:30 p.m.

Sebets Auditorium

Symphony of Spring

Friday & Saturday, April 22-23 | 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24 | 2 p.m.

Sebets Auditorium

International Day of Jazz

Saturday, April 30 | 7:30 p.m.

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