Cleveland Jazz Orchestra 2023-2024 Season Series

HOME & AWAY

"RHAPSODY IN BLUE" AT 100 More Experiments in Modern Music



Friday, March 15, 2024 Maltz Performing Arts Center

Saturday, March 16, 2024 BLU Jazz+

SCOTT GARLOCK, Executive Director

Pushin' 40!

For many years, being 39 was seen as the last year of youth, and the ensuing year began the start of a grind towards slowing down and doing less. Society no longer feels that way – now it's "life begins at 40, 50, etc." So, although the CJO is now 39, our recent, vibrant years only point to an increased impact that we are having in our Northeast Ohio communities.



As an attendee to one of our Season Series Concerts, you are experiencing our best known activity. Over the years, the CJO has presented jazz's finest performers, innovators and writers. And at every Season Series Concert, you'll hear original arrangements and compositions created for and by the CJO, especially from our gifted and award-winning Artistic Director, Paul Ferguson. These singular, sonic moments are then rendered at a world-class level by our region's finest musicians, ensuring that you'll hear "the best jazz you've ever heard, and the best jazz you've never heard."

But, we are doing so much more than this!

Did you know that:

- * A residency program with Cleveland Metropolitan School District Middle Schools is now in its fourth year and has more than doubled in size! This instruction is both impactful and unique we know of no other instance of a jazz organization instructing students of this age bracket. Depending on the school, the student and the collaborating CMSD teacher, our CJO instructors guide these students from beginning on their horns to learning about jazz and publicly improvising.
- * Our instrument donation program has now taken in over seven dozen instruments. These donated instruments are cleaned, refurbished, and all the necessities are provided before we give these to students or schools in need. Donors receive a free pair of tickets to a CJO concert.
- * We give away dozens of free student tickets to each Season Series Concert.
- * We provide funding for CJO musicians to work with students as guest artists, clinicians and adjudicators.
- * Throughout our region, as "CJO in the City," CJO groups of all sizes perform for nonprofit benefits, private events, and in parks, clubs and theaters.

The ONLY reason we have been able to conduct all of these important cultural and educational activities has been through the support of so many donors and grantors through our first 39 years. It is this generosity that enables the CJO to thrive – we welcome you to help us share even more with our region.

2023-2024 SEASON SERIES

HOME & AWAY

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR PAUL FERGUSON



"RHAPSODY IN BLUE" AT 100

More Experiments in Modern Music

March 15 , 2024
Maltz Performing Arts Center

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The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra's 2023-2024 season has been made possible with the generous support of:













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Tickets are available now at the \$175 Guest or \$300 Patron levels. Make your reservations by calling Ashley Bernett at 216-860-1518, ext. 701 or by emailing ashley@musicaltheatherproject.org

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2023-2024

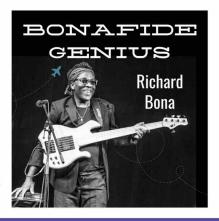
HOME & AWAY

at the Maltz Performing Arts Center



FRIDAY, APRIL 26 "BONAFIDE GENIUS" Featuring Richard Bona

The CJO closes our 39th Season with singer, songwriter, and bass player Richard Bona. A Grammy Award winner, Richard is unsurpassed in connecting African sensibilities with jazz, world, and Afropop musics. Richard has been featured with Herbie Hancock, the Pat Metheny Group, Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder, Sting, Chick Corea and many, many others.





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Notes on tonight's program

One hundred years ago, "Rhapsody in Blue" changed the parameters of American music. Few pieces have inspired as much interesting writing, be it the affectionate quibbles of Leonard Bernstein in the 1950's (See "The Joy of Music") or the recent pointed critique by Ethan Iverson ("The worst masterpiece ever") in the New York Times.

"Rhapsody," not quite jazz, not quite the blues, not quite ragtime, endures because......it's delicious, tuneful and instilled with an idiosyncratic slice of the



American spirit that still feels current – a wild, unbridled clarinet solo, insistent rhythms, blues gestures and great melodies.

"Rhapsody" was commissioned by bandleader Paul Whitemen (the "King of Jazz") and premiered on a program labeled "An Experiment in Modern Music." Whiteman had selected the music to exemplify the "melodies, harmony and rhythms which agitate the throbbing emotional resources of this young restless age." The program's schedule featured Gershwin's "Rhapsody" as merely the penultimate piece which preceded Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1."

There have been attempts to recreate the 1924 concert exactly, most recently in NYC 10 years ago. We are rather trying to capture the spirit of the event by featuring "modern" 1920's sounds and new music from 2024 Cleveland, including new works by Cleveland Composers Guild members Margi Griebling-Haigh and Ty Emerson and CJO members Aidan Plank and Brad Wagner.

We are excited to offer the Ohio premiere, and only the second performance, of Keith Jarrett's "Study." It was commissioned for a concert Keith performed at the Eastman School of Music in 1976.

Although Duke Ellington's "Diminuendo and Crescendo in Blue" was recorded in September 1937, I'm ready to advance the theory that Ellington, a friend and friendly competitor of Gershwin, wrote the piece in response to Gershwin's death the previous July.

Enjoy the many faces of American music, past and present!

The mission of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra is to increase awareness and appreciation of jazz by engaging the community with original music, exceptional performances, and inspirational educational programming.



We will soon be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, and we want to collect as many stories and memories of our rich history as possible, so we can make the celebration truly special.

What have you loved? What are your favorite moments?

Share your memories with us online at: https://bit.ly/CJOmemories

Email: Theresa@clevelandjazz.org or Call: 216-260-3530

Do you want all the latest info about the CJO? Sign up for our newsletter!
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PERSONNEL

for tonight's concert

Guest Conductor for "Rhapsody in Blue": Carl Topilow

Woodwinds

Brad Wagner*
Chris Coles
Chris Burge
Johnny Cochran
George Shernit

Trombones

Paul Ferguson Jason Smith Brett Balika Paul Hungerford

Trumpets

Dave Banks Scott McKee Joe Miller Jack Schantz

Rhythm

Dan Bruce, guitar Aidan Plank, bass** Steve Renko, drums Jackie Warren, piano

1st Violin

Kelsey Ferguson
Isabella Montemore^
Oscar Heft^

2nd Violin Leah Burtnett Gina Yang^

Viola

Lara Dudack Erica Yamizaki^

Cello Jeffrey Singler Jill King^

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The CJO's versatile musicians can provide music for occasions of all kinds, from high energy concerts to exquisite, classy background music for you or your business, or non-profit organization's events.

Whether you need one performer, a trio, a small combo, the CJO Little Big Band, or the full orchestra, we can help you make your event a success!

For more info on bringing jazz to your next function, contact us! Email: booking@clevelandjazz.org Call: 216-260-3530



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Help us change lives with the gift of music!

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Would you like more info on any of our educational programs?

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Donate an instrument & get a pair of tickets to one of our Season Series shows!





Established 2023

The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra Preservation Circle are individuals who have contributed beyond measure to further the CJO's mission.

Arrangers have supported the CJO through philanthropy, as champions, and as volunteers.

Arrangers

Joe Mosbrook (2023) David Gedeon (2023) Kenny Koblitz (2019) vic gelb (2018) Anna Greenfield (2017)

Lead Players have shared their creativity and artistry. Through their efforts, the CJO continues to increase awareness and appreciation of jazz by engaging the community with original music, exceptional performances, and inspirational educational programming.

Lead Players

Howie Smith (2022) John Klayman (2022)

TONIGHT'S SELECTIONS WILL INCLUDE:

20's Medley.....arr. Paul Ferguson
Black Bottom Stomp.....Jelly Roll Morton
Gloaming Song.....Aidan Plank
...a little moment, at the end of all.....Margi Griebling-Haigh*
Waiting To Exhale.....Ty Emerson*
The Tree Trunk Clock.....Brad Wagner

Intermission

Study.....Keith Jarrett
Diminuendo and Crescendo in Blue.....Duke Ellington
Rhapsody in Blue.....George Gershwin

"Rhapsody in Blue" will be conducted by The Cleveland Pops' Carl Topilow

*members of the Cleveland Composers Guild





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MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

CONCERT AT: DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Original compositions by

Chas Baker

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All programs and artists are subject to change without notice.



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A Night in Hollywood

Sat., 10/21/23 - 8pm - Severance



Music from your favorite blockbuster movies including Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Titanic and more.

A Mediterranean Cruise

Sat., 11/18/23 - 8pm - Severance



A stay-cation with the Pops! Enjoy the enchanting sounds of France, Italy, Spain, and Greece with French songstress Gay Marshall.

Holiday Cheer!

Sun., 11/26/23 - 2pm - Connor Palace



Making spirits bright with this annual concert featuring the Pops Chorus, Dancing Santas, adoptable shelter pets and more holiday magic!

New Years Eve: Concert & Party

Sun., 12/31/23 - 9pm - Severance



End 2023 with song and dance. After the concert, enjoy a cash bar as you dance the night (and year!) away and count down to the midnight balloon drop.

A Tribute to the Beatles

Sat., 2/3/24 - 8pm - Severance



Celebrating 60 years of the Beatles! Hear music from the early days through the solo years performed by the Pops and Classical Mystery Tour, four musicians who sound and look just like the Beatles.

Champagne & Shamrocks

Fri., 3/1/24 - 8pm - Severance



Kick off March with the songs and dances of Ireland featuring Cleveland's own Murphy's Irish Dancers and vocalist Connor Bogart O'Brien.

Broadway Rocks

Fri., 4/12/24 - 8pm - Severance



Shining the spotlight on musical theatre as Broadway vocalists perform selections from shows including Wicked, The Book of Mormon, Hairspray, Rent. The Wiz and more.

A Tribute to our Armed Forces

Sat., 6/1/24 - 8pm - Severance



Saluting our heroes with stirring patriotic music and a special tribute to NASA featuring videos from space flights, furnished by NASA Glenn in Cleveland.

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"'Rhapsody in Blue' at 100 -More Experiments in Modern Music"

3/15/24 Maltz PAC • 3/16/24 BLU Jazz+

We capture the spirit of the 1920's and the 2020's, offering modernism then and now. The CJO is joined by Carl Topilow and guest string players to celebrate 100 years of "Rhapsody in Blue," and the evening will also highlight new compositions, by members of both the CJO and the Cleveland Composers Guild, inspired by the American Modernists of the 1920's.

CARL TOPILOW

Guest Conductor for tonight's performance of "Rhapsody in Blue"



(Music Director & Founding Conductor, Cleveland Pops Orchestra) Carl Topilow is renowned worldwide for his versatility, whether he is holding a conductor's baton or his trademark red clarinet. He is a multitalented virtuoso who is equally at home in classical and popular music both as conductor and instrumentalist. Carl's pops performances blend the music of Broadway and Hollywood, as well as popular music, light classics and jazz, often finding an

occasion to include a number on his array of brightly colored clarinets. His unique approach to pops programming includes extensive audience involvement and true showmanship.

www.carltopilow.com



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March 2023 collaboration concert between the CJO and the Cleveland Composers Guild, at the Bop Stop.



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2023-2024 SEASON





A Tribute to Ruth Brown Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 7 p.m.

Tri-C Metro Auditorium

PHILADANCO! Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023



Paul Taylor Dance Company Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 7:30 p.m. Mimi Ohio Theatre

Christian McBride, The Movement Revisited Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 7:30 p.m. Maltz Performing Arts Center



Sean Jones "Dizzy Spellz" Friday, April 5, 2024 7:30 p.m. Tri-C Metro Auditorium



The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra directed by Scotty Barnhart Wednesday March 27, 2024 7:30 p.m.



For more information, scan QR code or visit **tri-c.edu/tricpresents**.





Tri-C Metro Auditorium





EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

We are proud to provide our region with innovative educational outreach. Most of CJO's performers are also master educators who work regularly with students of all ages, including collegiate groups (Kent State University, Cleveland State University, Youngstown State University, Case Western Reserve University, The University of Akron, The Ohio State University and Cuyahoga Community College) and younger students (Cleveland Heights Public Schools, Garfield Heights Public Schools, Hawken Schools, Cleveland Metropolitan School Distric). Still others are involved in educational programs from the retail side of the music business at local music stores and via Jupiter Wind Instruments and the Selmer-Bach Corporation.



Our Educational Outreach projects include:

- * Holly's High Notes The Holly Hofmann Lesson Program (New in fall 2023!)
- * Instrument Donation Program (donate an instrument to our program to get a pair of tickets to one of our Season Series shows!)
- * School Residency Program
- * Side By Side Concerts
- * Student Tickets
- * The CJO Rehearsal Program
- * Field Trips to CJO concerts
- * Educational Instructional Videos

To learn more about our all of our Educational Outrech Programs, head to our website:

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or contact our Executive Director,
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The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra presents:

The Sustaining Pedal



For 40 years, the CJO has brought enriching cultural experiences to our region's stages and classrooms. Our Season Season Series Concerts, featuring amazing world class guest artists, are a sonic focal point of CJO's performing efforts, but, as with every other nonprofit organization in our region, they are conducted at a loss. To ensure that we can continue to swing and serve for decades to come, the CJO is launching **The Sustaining Pedal** – a way to help our longtime supporters explore different methods to support the CJO beyond an annual donation:

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

Each year, an IRA owner age 70 ½ or over can exclude from gross income up to \$100,000 of direct charitable distributions from his or her IRA. For a married couple, if both spouses are age 70 ½ or over and both have IRAs, each spouse can exclude up to \$100,000 for a total of up to \$200,000 per year. The QCD option is available regardless of whether the eligible IRA owner itemizes deductions on Schedule A, and can satisfy the donor's required minimum distributions (RMDs). Transferred amounts are not taxable, and no deduction is available for the transfer. Individuals over the age of 73 are required to take RMDs from their IRAs, and giving to a nonprofit like the CJO is an excellent way to lessen a tax burden that may come with this new income.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity may be funded with cash, securities, life insurance or a variety of other assets. Charitable gift annuities function basically like any life annuity. The donor contracts with a charity to pay a lump sum, and, in return, receives a regular income stream, which is usually paid quarterly. The payments stop upon the annuitant's death, and the remaining assets in the account are retained by the charity or nonprofit as a gift.

Bequests

A number of longtime CJO supporters have remembered the CJO in significant ways in their wills, funding our lead alto saxophone and bass chairs, and providing funding for special performing projects, including the Chas Baker CD Live Recording Concert at the Bop Stop. By naming the CJO in your will, you can create an everlasting legacy and keep the music alive in Northeast Ohio for future generations.

Keep the music alive, and plan for the future, by joining the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra's "Sustaining Pedal" and making a planned gift to the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra.

Cleveland Jazz Orchestra Donors

(Donations made between July 1, 2023 and March 1, 2024)

Your donations not only make our season possible, but provide the much needed funding for the CJO to provide outreach in the community and perpetuate the love of jazz for generations to come.

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Soloist (\$250-\$499)

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George Carr
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LEGACY GIVING

We want to take a moment to recognize three CJO donors, whose legacy gifts are helping us keep the music alive in Northeast Ohio:

Many thanks to:

Barbara Becker's bequest has endowed our first saxophone chair.

Graziella Wagner's bequest is helping inspire the next generation of jazz musicians.

Carol & Stuart Reese's bequest has endowed our bass chair.

Contact Executive Director,
Dr. Scott Garlock, to learn more:
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Holly's High Notes

The Holly Hofmann Lesson Program

Through the generosity of Jeanne Lyons, and other CJO donors, this program creates an opportunity for Middle School aged children in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to receive private lessons from a CJO instructor.



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