



College of Music  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## **JAZZ: SPIRITUALS, PRAYER & PROTEST**

*Presented by the MSU College of Music in coordination with  
the MSU Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives*

# **Presenting: Africa Brass**

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### **MSU JAZZ ORCHESTRA I**

Charles Tolliver, guest conductor and arranger

Special guest appearance by  
Damien Sneed

Generously sponsored by  
Patrick McPharlin

Sunday, January 16, 2022  
Fairchild Theatre, 3:00 p.m.

# PROGRAM

Opening Remarks

James B. Forger  
Dean of the College of Music

Jabbar Bennett, Master of Ceremony  
Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer

Damien Sneed  
program to be announced from the stage

Resolution

John William Coltrane  
arr. Wynton Marsalis

## **Michigan State University Jazz Orchestra I**

Premiering Africa/Brass – John Coltrane  
arr. Charles Tolliver

Blues Minor

John William Coltrane  
(1926–1967)

The Damned Don't Cry

John William Coltrane

The Song of the Underground Railroad

John William Coltrane

Greensleeves

Traditional

Africa

John William Coltrane

Closing Remarks

Master of Ceremony  
Jabbar Bennett  
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# PERSONNEL

## **Jazz Orchestra I**

Rodney Whitaker, director  
Charles Tolliver, guest conductor

- Saxophone:** Eric Law, Kasan Belgrave, Rachel Coleman,  
Samuel Corey, Evan Kielty, Dante Billeci
- Trumpet:** Alex Bender, Trunino Lowe, Jeremiah Flack,  
Lucas Stickley-Miner, Elise Berner
- Trombone:** Jack Trathen, Joel Perez, Eli Howell, Josh Guenther,  
Wyatt Forhan
- Piano:** Cormac Avila, Andrew Depree
- Guitar:** Luke Sittard, Ben Turner
- Bass:** Brandon Rose, Koji Cassetta, Jonathon Muir-Cotton
- Drums:** Will Crandell, Joshua Watkins

# THE JAZZ CLUB

## 2021-2022 Season

The Michigan State University Jazz Studies Program aims to be the best training ground in the nation for aspiring jazz musicians. Private contributions help ensure our ability to provide an environment that nurtures the highest level of excellence and inspires the next generation of jazz musicians. Gifts support student scholarships, fellowships, outreach activities, student travel, the opportunity to bring guest artists to campus to enhance the student experience, and other crucial areas that make MSU Jazz Studies the outstanding program that it is.

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MSU Professors of Jazz

**Friday, February 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Murray Hall \$\$**  
Jazz Orchestra I, II, III  
with MSUFCU Jazz Artist in Residence Stefon Harris, jazz vibraphonist

**Friday, March 18, 2022, 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Murray Hall \$\$**  
Jazz Octet I, II, III, IV  
with MSUFCU Jazz Artist in Residence Regina Carter, jazz violinist

**Thursday, April 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Murray Hall \$**  
Jazz Octet I, II, III, IV  
Jazz Spectacular, *Celebrating 40 Years*

**Friday, April 22, 2022, 8:00 p.m., Murray Hall \$**  
Swing Dance with Jazz Orchestra I, II, III

**Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Murray Hall, Music Building, Free Event, tickets are not required**  
Jazz Spectacular Jazz at Lincoln Center: Essentially Ellington  
High School Jazz Band Regional Competition

**Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00 p.m., Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium, \$\$\$ Jazz Spectacular Finale Concert I, II, III**  
*\*Adults-\$25 Seniors-\$20 Students-\$15.*

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