Tanya Darby, jazz trumpet

Educator, musician, and clinician Tanya Darby serves as the chair of the Brass Department at Berklee College of Music. She previously worked as an assistant professor of jazz lead trumpet at the University of North Texas, and held adjunct faculty positions at Temple University and the New School in New York City.

Originally from Seaside, California, Darby is a veteran member of various renowned groups including the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Roy Hargrove Big Band, DIVA Jazz Orchestra, Michel Camilo Big Band, Rufus Reid Large Ensemble and Manhattan Jazz Orchestra. She has performed and toured with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Count Basie Orchestra, Ron Carter Great Big Band, Paquito D’Rivera, Gladys Knight, Dianne Reeves and many others. Darby recently appeared on BET on Jazz as part of the T.S. Monk Sextet, and performed with Aretha Franklin for the Arista Records 25 Year Anniversary Special on NBC.

Darby teaches master classes and has been a clinician and adjudicator at numerous festivals, both domestic and abroad. She received her master's degree in jazz performance from Rutgers University in 2012, and a bachelor's degree in jazz performance from the Manhattan School of Music in 1998.

For more information about Tanya Darby, see this article from the Berklee College of Music.