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Photo: Ahmad Jamal performs on the Symphony Center Presents Jazz series, October 12, 2018.
Redman • Mehldau
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A MoodSwing Reunion

MoodSwing, the 1994 album by Joshua Redman’s first permanent quartet, was an astonishing collection by four precociously talented musicians who would rapidly establish themselves as creative beacons. After years of individual triumphs, saxophonist Redman, pianist Brad Mehldau, bassist Christian McBride and drummer Brian Blade join forces again.

Jack DeJohnette, Ravi Coltrane, Matt Garrison Trio

Chicago-born NEA Jazz Master Jack DeJohnette has brought out a myriad of melodic colors on the drum set for more than 50 years. His music continues to turn traditions inside out with “spellbinding and haunting results” (Pitchfork) as he performs with his scintillating trio of saxophonist Ravi Coltrane and bassist Matthew Garrison. Chicago native and Northwestern graduate Thaddeus Tukes is a vibraphonist celebrated for his “fluid technique and pervasive elegance” (Chicago Tribune). His quintet, in its Symphony Center debut, opens the evening.
One of the most groundbreaking groups working today, The Bad Plus continues to explore genre-defying territory with musical virtuosity. Joining as a special guest is the equally visionary guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel, celebrated for his "muscular phrase-making, virtuosic solo flights and a sophisticated yet accessible sense of harmony" (Chicago Tribune).

Saxophonist Greg Ward, one of Chicago’s leading jazz voices, and his group Rogue Parade open the program with their signature blend of beat-driven improvisation and rock energy.

The Brubeck Brothers Quartet Celebrates Dave Brubeck’s Centennial

with special guests CATHERINE RUSSELL, JOEY DEFRANCESCO AND CHICO FREEMAN

Both veteran jazz performers, Chris and Dan Brubeck come together for a milestone celebration of their father, the legendary pianist Dave Brubeck, whose 1959 Take Five was the first jazz single to sell a million copies. The brothers lead their quartet and special guests in engaging interpretations of Brubeck’s greatest works.

The Bad Plus with Kurt Rosenwinkel

ORRIN EVANS piano
REID ANDERSON bass
DAVID KING drums
KURT ROSENWINKEL guitar

Greg Ward’s Rogue Parade

GREG WARD alto saxophone
MATT GOLD guitar
DAVE MILLER guitar
MATT ULERY bass
QUIN KIRCHNER drums
Bobby McFerrin

Ten-time Grammy winner and 2020 NEA Jazz Master Bobby McFerrin redefined the role of the human voice in his a cappella hit “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” and went on to revolutionize jazz, pop, classical and world music in solo performances and collaborations with everyone from Yo-Yo Ma to the Muppets. Spend a spirited evening with this legendary performer, beloved for his boundless, spontaneous energy.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

The legendary Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis returns to its self-proclaimed second home at Symphony Center to perform new arrangements of essential works by some of the most powerful female singers and songwriters of the 20th century. Special guests Melanie Charles, Shenel Johns and Ashley Pezzotti will lend their unique voices to songs written and made famous by Betty Carter, Billie Holiday, Abbey Lincoln and Nina Simone.

Voices of Freedom
Cécile McLorin Salvant has been described as a once-in-a-generation vocalist by Wynton Marsalis, and is hailed for her "perfect intonation, elastic rhythm and an operatic range" (The New Yorker). Hear one of the most acclaimed rising stars in jazz, with three consecutive Grammy Awards for Best Jazz Vocal Album, in a beguiling concert of standards and rarities from jazz, Broadway and cabaret.

NEA Jazz Master Maria Schneider creates music that critics have described as “evocative, majestic, magical, heart-stoppingly gorgeous and beyond categorization.” With her 18-member collective, she takes on today’s challenging times through her bold new work, Data Lords, which explores life simultaneously being lived through the computer and in the natural world.
An Evening with Dave Holland

One of the genre’s most versatile bassists, NEA Jazz Master Dave Holland assembles a group of jazz heavyweights and frequent collaborators—pianist and fellow NEA Jazz Master Kenny Barron, guitarist Kevin Eubanks and drummer Obed Calvaire—for an exhilarating evening of all-star talent.

- **DAVE HOLLAND**
  - bass

- **KENNY BARRON**
  - piano

- **KEVIN EUBANKS**
  - guitar

- **OBED CALVAIRE**
  - drums

Danilo Pérez’s Global Messengers and Children of the Light

Pianist Danilo Pérez has been lauded for more than 20 years as one of music’s most creative forces, blending the sounds of his native Panama with world influences. Pérez leads his international ensemble Global Messengers—presenting an uplifting new work, Fronteras (Borders), which explores how an uncertain social landscape causes division—and his Children of the Light trio, featuring the equally talented bassist John Patitucci and drummer Brian Blade of the Wayne Shorter Quartet, for an evening of stunning, rhythmically charged performances that brings the 2020/21 Symphony Center Presents Jazz series to a close.
More Music at Symphony Center

**TUE JAN 26 7:30**

**Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Branford Marsalis**

One of jazz's most revered musicians, **Branford Marsalis** collaborates with the innovative **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra** for a program that explores the intersection of jazz and classical, from Debussy's jazz-inspired Rhapsody to a newly commissioned work by Courtney Bryan that uses Bizet's famous themes from *Carmen*.

**THU MAR 11 7:30**

**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis**

Celebrating the Centennials of Dave Brubeck and Charlie Parker

**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** kicks off its annual residency at Symphony Center with a thrilling and energetic centennial tribute to two of the most influential figures in jazz. Hear fresh big band arrangements of works by the iconic pioneer of bebop, **Charlie Parker**, and the unforgettable melodies of **Dave Brubeck** given virtuosic renditions by one of the finest jazz ensembles performing today.

**FRI APR 2 8:00**

**Zakir Hussain and the Masters of Percussion**

The greatest living master of the tabla and "one of the architects of modern world music" ([NPR](https://www.npr.org)) brings his handpicked ensemble of world-class percussionists for a cultural boundary-crossing performance of awe-inspiring musicianship.
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