

Bell Cultural Events Center April 12, 2025 6:00 PM

> MidAmerica Nazarene University Jazz Ensemble Mr. Doug Talley, Director Dr. Luke D. Johnson, Director

> > Earlie Braggs, Trombone

MNU Jazz Ensemble

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Spiritual arr. Chris McDonald

Yair Saucedo, alto saxophone

MNU Jazz Combo

Little Sunflower

Freddie Hubbard

Maeson Tunley, Evelyn Adam, Lacey Buxton, Sage Adam Gracelyn Duncan, Emanuel Escobar, Malachi Wasson

Intermission

MNU Jazz Ensemble

One O'Clock Jump

Count Basie arr. Jeff Hest

Earlie Braggs, trombone; Peter Vessey, tenor saxophone; Collin Downey, trombone; Sage Adam, tenor saxophone; Evelyn Adam, trumpet

It Could Happen to You

Jimmy Van Heusen arr. Jake Haughey

Lindsey Peterson, voice; Earlie Braggs, trombone; Peter Vessey, tenor saxophone



Things Ain't What They Used To Be

Mercer Ellington arr. Duke Ellington

Yair Saucedo, alto saxophone; Earlie Braggs, trombone

MNU Jazz Combo

Killer Joe Benny Golson

Maeson Tunley, Evelyn Adam, Lacey Buxton, Zoe Harding, Alex Wood, Gracelyn Duncan, Michael Coleman, Malachi Wasson

St. Thomas Sonny Rollins

Maseon Tunley, Brent Crites, Yair Saucedo, Sage Adam, Collin Downey, Gracelyn Duncan, Michael Coleman, Malachi Wasson

Intermission

MNU Jazz Ensemble

Cold Duck Time Eddie Harris arr. Mark Taylor

MNU Jazz Combo

One for Daddy-O Nat Adderley

Yair Saucedo, Evelyn Adam, Maeson Tunley, Christopher Winton, Gracelyn Duncan, Emanuel Escobar, Malachi Wasson

Doxy Sonny Rollins

Brent Crites, Maeson Tunley, Lacey Buxton, Christopher Winton, Gracelyn Duncan, Emanuel Escobar, Malachi Wasson

MNU Jazz Ensemble

Perdido Juan Tizol

arr. Frank Mantooth

Yair Saucedo, alto saxophone

Little Brown Jug

Joseph Winner
arr. Paul Lavender



MNU JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Saxophone

Yair Saucedo - alto Lacey Buxton - alto Zoe Harding - alto Peter Vessey - tenor Sage Adam - tenor Kaleigh Guthrie - baritone

Trumpet

Brent Crites Evelyn Adam Maeson Tunley Judah Kuhn

Trombone

Collin Downey Christopher Winton Alex Wood David Waller Ron McClellan#

Rhythm

Gracelyn Duncan - piano Emanuel Escobar - bass Michael Coleman - bass Malachi Wasson - drums

#MNU Faculty/Staff or Community Member





Meet Our Guest Artist: Earlie Braggs

Earlie Braggs is a freelance musician currently living in Kansas City, MO. While living in Kalamazoo, Ml., he was a member of the Gull Lake Jazz Orchestra, the Kalamazoo Big Band, the Otsego Jazz Ensemble, and the Jazz Septet from Battle Creek, MI. Earlie also led his own jazz quartet.

He spent many years traveling the U.S. and performing with various artists and music ensembles including Cab Calloway, Cat Anderson, Steve Allen and Kansas City favorites, pianist Jay "Hootie" McShann and jazz violinist Claude "Fiddler" Williams, to name a few. From 1997 to 1999 Earlie toured Europe and select U.S. venues with the New York-based Illinois Jacquet Big Band. He is also a founding member of the Jazz Heritage Orchestra, a 17 piece professional jazz orchestra based in Cleveland, Ohio, which has featured internationally celebrated artists including Clark Terry, Nancy Wilson, and Benny Golson. Earlie has appeared on his own CD and numerous other recordings.

He is currently a member of the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra and also an early Kansas City jazz history based ensemble - The Vine Street Rumble. In 2024 the Earlie Braggs Quartet was the Saturday afternoon headliner for the two day Johnson County Community College Winterlude (Kansas) featuring a contrast between the styles of Kansas City musicians and the New Orleans Sound of Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orchestra, the main act of the festival. Earlie has adopted the motto "Have trombone, will travel" since that is what musicians sometimes must do to perform music.



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UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

MNU Student Senior Showcases

April 13, 2025 at 7:30pm Bryson Kendall — in Mabee Performing Arts Hall April 15, 2025 at 7:30pm Savannah Paxton — in Sunderland Black Box Theatre April 17, 2025 at 7:30pm Ashley Parker — in Sunderland Black Box Theatre April 22, 2025 at 7:30pm Kalon Hale — at Cunningham Center in Tollefson

MNU Improv Show April 24, 2025 at 9:00pm

MNU Student Film Festival

April 24, 2025 at 9:00pm Cunningham Center Student Lounge https://www.mnu.edu/events/midamerica-student-film-festival/

> MNU Percussion Studio: Percussion Show April 26, 2025 at 7:30pm

MNU Band, Choirs and Chamber Orchestra Concert: Let Everything That Has Breath April 27, 2025 at 3:30pm

MNU Theatre, Film & Choir: SPARK Camp

June 2-6, 2025 https://www.mnu.edu/spark-mnu-arts-camp/

MNU Theatre Summer Shakespeare: *The Merry Wives of Windsor* June 19-21, 2025 at 8:00pm

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