



Empire State
Youth Orchestras

HELEN CHA-PYO,
MUSIC DIRECTOR

presents

Youth Jazz Ensemble

Paul Evoskevich, Director

and

Repertory Jazz Ensemble

Lee Russo, Conductor

Picotte Recital Hall
Massry Center for the Arts
The College of Saint Rose

December 13, 2015, 3:00 pm

Hearing is believing

PROGRAM

Empire State Repertory Jazz Ensemble

Filthy McNasty

Horace Silver
Arr. John LaBarbera

Leo

Frank Mantooth

Brush Strokes

Jim Corigliano

The Heat's On

Sammy Nestico

STAGING PAUSE

Empire State Youth Jazz Ensemble

Early Autumn

Ralph Burns & Woody Herman
Arr. Manny Albam

Fascinating Rhythm

George Gershwin
Arr. Sammy Nestico

Georgia on my Mind

Hoagy Carmichael
Arr. Dave Barduhn

Freedom Jazz Dance

Eddie Harris
Arr. Eric Richards

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In consideration of the performers and audience, please switch off cell phones and all electronic devices and do not take photographs during the concert.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Paul Evoskevich

Youth Jazz Ensemble Director

Paul Evoskevich is Professor of Saxophone and Jazz Studies at The College of Saint Rose. A graduate of the Hartt School and The Eastman School of Music, he has performed with numerous orchestras and with such music luminaries as Louis Bellson, Bob Mintzer, Bill Cunliffe, Paul Anka, Liza Minelli, Joel Grey, Johnny Mathis, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Sarah Vaughn, Theresa Brewer, and Ben Vereen. He has extensive experience recording for television and radio jingles and is an active performer of classic saxophone repertoire and jazz. He has performed and presented master classes throughout the United States and Europe. He is a former staff writer for The Saxophone Journal and Jazz Player Magazine. He has conducted ESYO's Youth Jazz Ensemble since 1986. As Director, Mr. Evoskevich has introduced hundreds of young jazz musicians to the standards as well as newly-composed pieces, and has brought in well-known jazz artists to work with the ensemble, such as "Blue" Lou Marini, Al Vezutti, and Bill Cunliffe.



Lee Russo

Repertory Jazz Ensemble Conductor

Lee Russo is currently the Director of Guilderland High School's Jazz Ensemble and Concert Band and teaches woodwind lessons and music technology. An active performer, he leads his own trio/quartet, and plays with groups led by Joe Barna, Keith Pray, Michael Benedict, Pete Sweeney and Teresa Broadwell. He has released two CD's as a band leader: "Trading Off" (2006) and "The Abenaki" (2007). Mr. Russo studied with Paul Evoskevich and Jack Fragomeni at The College of Saint Rose and completed his studies at the Crane School of Music where he studied with Bob Faub and Brett Zvacek. At both schools he worked under the direction of many guest artists/clinicians, including Bob Mintzer, Bill Cunliffe, Rufus Reid, Donald Sinta, The New York Hardbop Quintet, Ralph Lalama and Dave Demsey. Mr. Russo, an ESYO Jazz alumnus from 1990, joined ESYO as a conductor in 2015.



Empire State Youth Jazz Ensemble

Alto Saxophones

Nijad Nashar
Téa Mottolese

Tenor Saxophones

Matthew Fox
Henry James Fernandez

Baritone Saxophone

Alex Malin

Trumpets

Stephen Ryan
Bryce Kelly
Nathaniel Einstein

Trombones

Joseph Giordano
Daniel McCarthy
Brandon Murdie
Ian Pradhan

Drum Set

Quinton Cain

Piano

Brian Halliday

Bass

E. Conor Graham

Empire State Repertory Jazz Ensemble

Alto Saxophones

Zachary Huang
Awan Jenkins

Tenor Saxophones

Jimmy Franchini
Alessandro Amore

Bari Saxophone

Avery Heaney

Trumpets

Matthew Simkulet
Logan Bennett
Liza Ferrini

Trombones

Zion Kang
Jarrod Deering
William Connolly
Kevin Zhai
Aidan Doyle

Drum Set

Salil Chaudhry

Piano

Matthew Nemeth

Bass

James Paolano

Parent Liaison: Anne-Marie Gorman Doyle