



Empire State
Youth Orchestras

HELEN CHA-PYO,
MUSIC DIRECTOR

presents

Empire State Youth Jazz Ensemble

Paul Evoskevich, Director

and

Empire State Repertory Jazz Ensemble

Lee Russo, Conductor

The Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio

May 13, 2016, 7:30 pm

Hearing is believing

PROGRAM

Empire State Repertory Jazz Ensemble

Spin Cycle	Alan Baylock
Along Came Betty	Benny Golson Arr. Alan Baylock
Another Lazy Day	Sammy Nestico
	Zachary Huang, <i>alto saxophone</i>
Tastes Like Chicken	Kris Berg
There Will Never Be Another You	Mack Gordon & Harry Warren Arr. Mike Tomaro

STAGING PAUSE

Empire State Youth Jazz Ensemble

Prelude to Summer	Gene Thorn
Second Line	Victor L. Goines
The Nearness of You	Hoagy Carmichael Arr. John Clayton
Old School	Jeff Jarvis

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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, Paul 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). Lee 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. Lee, 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

Alexander Malin*

Trumpets

Sawyer Harrington-Verb*
Bryce Kelly
Stephen Ryan*
Nathaniel Einstein

Trombones

Joseph Giordano
Daniel McCarthy*
Brandon Murdie
Ian Pradhan

Drum Set

Quinton Cain

Piano

Brian Halliday*

Guitar

Tyler Schmidt

Bass

E. Conor Graham

*Seniors

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
William Connolly
Kevin Zhai
Aidan Doyle
Jarrod Deering

Drum Set

Salil Chaudhry*

Piano

Matthew Nemeth

Bass

James Paolano

*Seniors

Parent Liaison: Anne-Marie Gorman Doyle