

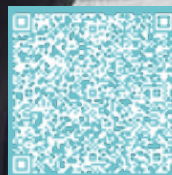


2025-26
CLASS OFFERINGS
MONTCLAIR + NYC



JAZZ HOUSE KIDS®
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JOIN US TODAY @ THE JAZZ HOUSE

2025-26 CLASS OFFERINGS

JAZZ HOUSE MONTCLAIR + JAZZ HOUSE NYC

COME JOIN THE BAND!

October 2025 - May 2026 Rolling Admission

- Ages 8 through 18
- All levels welcome!
- Weekly Small/Large Ensembles and Improvisation
- Electives including Afro-Latin Big Band
- New Saturday Vocal Academy in Montclair
- New Jazz Strings program @ Trinity
- Multiple Performance Opportunities

REGISTER TODAY!



For questions or more information:

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Montclair: StudentServicesMontclair@jazzhousekids.org

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GREETINGS!

JAZZ HOUSE KIDS, one of the nation's leading jazz education and performance organizations, invites musicians of all ages and abilities to take part in our weekly instrumental and vocal classes.

At our flagship location in downtown Montclair, NJ and, through a collaboration with Trinity Church NYC, our satellite education center in Lower Manhattan, our award-winning programs empower students at every level of experience to rise and improvise, helping students, instructors, and audiences alike feel connected as part of the living, breathing continuum of jazz.

JAZZ HOUSE classes provide an authentic jazz experience, from jazz combos, big bands, Afro-Latin, jazz strings, and an organ ensemble to jazz solo singing and a vocal choir. Value-added programming such as our CHiCA Power® Residency Program and our award-winning JAZZ HOUSE Goes to College® and Careers in Music series, complement our robust and exciting class offerings.

We know the importance of participation and engagement over the school year for students' well-being and growth. Our fun and rigorous jazz education programs empower students with positive experiences and the tools for academic learning in the classroom – critical structure, strong peer relationships, trusted mentors, disciplined practice, and time management.

On behalf of all of us at the JAZZ HOUSE, we thank you for being part of our community.

DR. DARRELL SMITH
Director of Jazz
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JAZZ HOUSE Montclair

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Director of Music + Learning
JAZZ HOUSE NYC



JAZZ HOUSE MONTCLAIR

OCTOBER 2025 - MAY 2026

MONDAYS

Roots of Improv

4:00 - 5:00 PM | ALEX LAURENZI

The Roots of Improvisation elective is for students looking to expand their base of jazz knowledge. This improv session will develop students' theory and give them a stronger understanding of the language of improvisation.

Legacy Big Band

5:15 - 7:00 PM | JONNY GITTINGS

Explore the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and more. The ensemble addresses jazz phrasing, improvisation, and focuses developing skills for playing in a section.

Louis Armstrong Ensemble

5:15 - 6:30 PM | PATRICK GANNON

Louis Armstrong Ensemble is the place where our youngest beboppers meet and are introduced to the joy of swing!

Blues & Roots

7:15 - 8:45 PM | ALEX LAURENZI, ALEXANDRIA DEWALT + PATRICK GANNON

Students will begin to build their foundation of jazz by starting with the blues, standard tunes, and jazz classics in a fun and engaging setting.

\$150 non-refundable deposit for each class is due at registration, before ensemble placement can be provided. We offer need-based financial assistance to those who qualify. Please apply through an online registration link.

TUESDAYS

Roots of Improv

4:00 - 5:00 PM | BIRSA CHATTERJEE

The Roots of Improvisation elective is for students looking to expand their base of jazz knowledge. This improv session will develop students' theory and give them a stronger understanding of the language of improvisation.

Mosaic Big Band + Heritage Big Band

5:15 - 7:00 PM | LANCE BRYANT + RACHEL THERRIEN

These ensembles explore the music of the grand masters of jazz, address jazz phrasing and improvisation, and focus on developing skills for playing in a section.

Messengers + Organ Messengers

7:15 - 8:45 PM | ANTHONY WARE, RADAM SCHWARTZ + BIRSA CHATTERJEE

The Messengers ensemble explores the art of improvisation, interaction, and performance while engaging in the advanced study of the jazz idiom.

JAZZ HOUSE KIDS *is the only pre-college institution that includes an organ program as part of its curriculum celebrating this rich music tradition with deep roots in jazz!*



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WEDNESDAYS

Giglet Boot Camp

4:00 - 6:00 PM |

An intensive program designed for young jazz musicians to tackle the art of playing gigs. This course focuses on memorizing standard jazz repertoire, honing musical professionalism, and improving communication skills. Through hands-on practice, students will learn to apply jazz language over classic standards, preparing them to excel in live performance settings.

Rhythm Section Workout

4:00 - 5:30 PM | TBD

A focused class for jazz rhythm section players aiming to elevate their craft. Participants will refine their skills in essential areas like time, feel, accompanying, groove, and active listening. Through practical exercises and ensemble work, students will learn to create a cohesive, dynamic rhythm section that enhances the overall sound of any jazz group.

Afro-Latin Big Band

6:30 - 8:30 PM | JUANGA LAKUNZA

This elective is for students looking to expand their base of Afro-Cuban and Brazilian rhythms. This ensemble will develop students' understanding of traditional Latin rhythms, songs and techniques.



SATURDAYS

Vocal Academy

The JAZZ HOUSE Vocal Academy offers an immersive weekly experience for aspiring vocalists, held every Saturday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This dynamic program focuses on developing vocal technique, enhancing solo performance skills, and fostering a love for choral singing. Students will have the opportunity to refine their voices, explore a wide range of jazz repertoire, and grow as confident, versatile singers within a supportive community.

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	The Jazz Singer (Solo Singing) with Kate Baker
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Break, Vocal Jam
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Blue Note Vocal Choir Tyler Bassett

Instrumental Classes

For families who need weekend offerings due to busy schedules, we have small ensembles at three experience levels!

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Louis Armstrong Ensemble with Ed Palermo
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Blues + Roots Ensemble
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Messengers Ensemble

REGISTER
TODAY!



NEW EXPANDED PRE-COLLEGE SUNDAYS

The **JAZZ HOUSE KiDS Pre-College Instrumental Academy** is designed for our most advanced and serious-minded jazz musicians, offering collegiate-level training with world-class faculty.

Students receive intensive instruction in advanced improvisation, small ensemble playing, and high-level big band performance, all while tackling challenging repertoire that fosters growth. With numerous performance opportunities at prestigious venues like Dizzy's Club at Lincoln Center and participation in international competitions, our pre-college students are among the most promising young jazz talents in the country.



JAZZ HOUSE Big Band, Spring 2025

SUNDAYS

JAZZ HOUSE Pre-College

Dynasty Track 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM

11:00 AM	Music Business Class
12:00 PM	Large Ensemble
2:30 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Improvisation
4:00 PM	Small Combos

JAZZ HOUSE Big Band

JAZZ HOUSE Big Band Track 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

11:00 AM	Music Business Class
12:00 PM	Improvisation
1:00 PM	Small Combos
2:30 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Culture and Musicianship
3:30 PM	Large Ensemble



Dynasty Big Band, Spring 2024

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: ADULT CLASSES!

JAZZ HOUSE Montclair welcomes new adult instrumental and vocal students of all levels and abilities, from beginners to professionals.

Program offerings include ensembles of a variety of levels, with final concerts in NJ jazz clubs, GRAMMY Award-winning guest artists, jam sessions and more!

- Classes: October 2025 - May 2026
- All students pre-placed in ensembles by level; *Rolling admission*
- Skill-based electives designed to give you a deep dive into the creative world of composition and the thrill of improvisation
- All performances are held in jazz clubs and venues

INSTRUMENTAL

Community Big Band

SUNDAYS, 7:15 - 9:00 PM | ED PALERMO

Returning with renewed passion and enthusiasm this fall is our adult community big band, led by the charismatic Ed Palermo. Open to students of all levels, Palermo uses custom arrangements, from big band swing to the music of Frank Zappa, to complement the talents of each performer.

SMALL COMBO

Small Combos explore the art of improvisation, interaction, and performance while engaging in the advanced study of the jazz idiom.

Sunday	5:30 PM	Andy McKee
Sunday	5:30 PM	Dan Pratt
Wednesday	5:30 PM	Eric Alexander
Wednesday	7:15 PM	Nikara Warren

VOCAL

Adult Vocal Workshop

WEDNESDAYS | KATE BAKER

Join the Vocal Jazz Workshop and unlock the key to singing jazz. Explore the art of phrasing, storytelling, how to swing, hear the changes and improvise. You will be joined by a professional jazz ensemble for your concerts.

Wednesday	5:30 PM
Wednesday	7:30 PM
Saturday	11:00 AM



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2026 CHiCA POWER SPRING RESIDENCY!



The JAZZ HOUSE CHiCA Power's crown jewel! Eight sessions featuring all-female faculty, incredible guest artists, history of jazz, improvisation instruction, masterclasses, and combo rehearsals. Culminates in a concert. Includes "Movie Day", field trip to NYC, and the "RiSE + IMPROViSE" Leadership Summit with successful women from non-traditional fields.

Any female or non-binary identifying instrumentalists, including students new to JAZZ HOUSE KIDS. Grades 6-12.

Spring 2026
Dates Announced Soon!

Commitment: Must commit to at least 5 of the 7 sessions.

Fee: Free

Registration: Opens
December 9th



JAZZ HOUSE GOES TO COLLEGE

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1, 2025**
PARISH HALL, TRINITY COMMONS
76 TRINITY PL., NEW YORK, NY, 10006

This year's event is hosted in collaboration with Trinity Church NYC for students and their families. We will be joined by representatives from top jazz programs and leading artists and associates discussing careers both on and off the stage! A MUST for anyone considering studying music or the arts in college!

SCHEDULE

9:00 AM-9:30 AM | Doors open, complimentary breakfast

9:30 AM-9:45 AM | Opening remarks

PART 1: CAREERS IN MUSIC

9:45 AM-10:45 AM | Careers on the Stage

11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Careers off Stage

12:00 PM-1:15 PM | Complimentary Lunch + Networking Mixer

PART 2: COLLEGE FAIR

1:15 PM-2:30 PM | College Panel

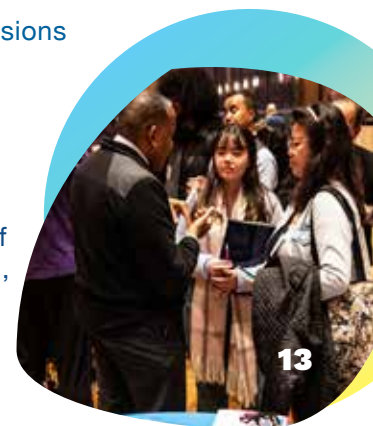
2:45 PM-3:45 PM | Parent & Student Breakout Sessions

3:45 PM-4:45 PM | College Fair

4:45 PM-5:00 PM | Closing remarks

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

The Juilliard School of Music, Manhattan School of Music, Montclair State University, The New School, William Paterson University, Oberlin Conservatory and many more!



2025-26 JAZZ HOUSE NYC CLASS OFFERINGS

JAZZ HOUSE Academy

Mondays + Wednesdays

Aimed at young and curious musicians wanting to gain in-depth knowledge of the art form of jazz and its performance, the JAZZ HOUSE Academy offers small and large ensembles, a Vocal Jazz Ensemble and small group lessons on most instruments. Work with stellar teaching artists such as Ron Blake and Steve Wilson as well as special guests including 9-time GRAMMY-winning bassist Christian McBride!

Monday	3:30 PM	Community Jam Session
Monday	4:00 PM	Small Group Lessons
Monday	5:00 PM	Small Group Lessons
Monday	6:00 PM	Small Ensembles
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Small Ensembles
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Small Group Lessons
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Large Ensembles

JAZZ HOUSE Page One

Tuesdays + Thursdays

Join the band! JAZZ HOUSE NYC offers unique beginning programming for band instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone) and select rhythm section instruments (drums, piano, guitar).

Tuesday	4:00 PM	Small Group Lessons
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Jazz House Fellows
Thursday	4:00 PM	Small Group Lessons
Thursday	4:00 PM	Ensemble
Thursday	4:00 PM	Louis Armstrong Small Group Lessons
Thursday	5:00 PM	Small Group Lessons
Thursday	5:00 PM	Louis Armstrong Ensemble
Thursday	5:30 PM	Small Group Lessons



Soulful Voices

Mondays, 4:00 PM

Soulful Voices is a vocal ensemble exploring the art of jazz singing and is aimed at vocalists who want to explore rich jazz harmonies and want to learn how to sing with a big band!

JAZZ HOUSE STRINGS

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM

JAZZ HOUSE STRINGS provides access to the world of jazz for young artists who have experience playing a string instrument and want to learn more about jazz and improvisation!

Electives for All!

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, open to all Jazz Academy + Page One students

- Rhythm Makers Drum Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- Piano Ensemble

Tuesday	4:00 PM	Elective Class
Tuesday	5:00 PM	Elective Class
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Elective Class
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Elective Class



SIGN UP TODAY!

Open to all NYC middle school and high school students. Fully funded by Trinity Church NYC + part of Trinity Youth Afterschool Program.

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- Open to all New York City 6th-12th grade students!
- Dinner served nightly
- Funded by Trinity Church NYC



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO ALL NEW STUDENTS NEED TO AUDITION?

Yes. All students must audition for appropriate level placement in our school year and summer programs, except those enrolled in NY's Page One program.

IF I SUBMITTED MY AUDITION IN THE SPRING, DO WE NEED TO SUBMIT ANOTHER AUDITION?

No. Your spring audition can be used for future class registrations.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I PRACTICE BETWEEN CLASSES?

Please dedicate time daily to practice. It helps if it is at the same time every day. You don't have to practice for very long—what's more important is that your practice be consistent and daily. However, the amount of time you practice is directly related to how fast you advance.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHO MY TEACHER IS?

Once you AUDITION at JAZZ HOUSE KIDS, you will be placed in a class with a TEACHER who will best suit your level and help you grow as a player.

DO I HAVE TO BE A HUGE JAZZ FAN TO ENJOY CLASSES AT JAZZ HOUSE KIDS?

No, but you do have to have an interest in improvised music, an open mind, a good attitude, and a willingness to learn. With that formula, you'll be a jazz fan in no time.

I'M A TOTAL BEGINNER ON MY INSTRUMENT!

CAN I STILL BE IN A CLASS?

We ask that all students have at least one year of experience on their instrument and be able to at least have a basic ability to read music.

CAN I TAKE PRIVATE LESSONS AT JAZZ HOUSE KIDS?

We do not offer private lessons, but can help you find the right private teacher. Private lesson experience is extremely important and urge all of our students to take private lessons.

I'M PRETTY GOOD ON MY INSTRUMENT, BUT I'VE MOSTLY BEEN PLAYING ROCK/ CLASSICAL/POP/FOLK. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE TO BE IN A JAZZ HOUSE KIDS CLASS?

The first step for all students is learning how to play a simple 12-bar blues in Bb and then F. A drummer's first step should be to learn a swing feel. Bass players should learn to walk a bass line to outline the chords of the blues.

WHAT IS THE AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS IN YOUR ENSEMBLES?

WILL MY CHILD BE WITH STUDENTS HER OWN AGE, OR OF ALL AGES?

Skill level is more of a determining factor than age in class placement. However, we do take age into account, to make sure the social environment in each class will help create an atmosphere conducive to musical growth.

WHAT KIND OF SCHOLARSHIP AID OR TUITION ASSISTANCE DO YOU PROVIDE?

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SUMMER WORKSHOP

CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

August 3 -15



- All levels welcome • Ages 12-18
- Acclaimed faculty
- World class concert series @ Montclair State University
- Housing available
- Premiere performance @ Dizzy's Club, JAZZ at Lincoln Center



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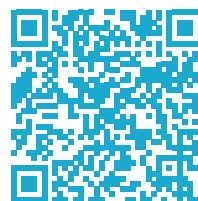
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