

Jazz Royalty Transcriptions: The Duke and the Count

The Arizona State University Concert Jazz Band, conducted by guest Jeffrey Lindberg, alongside acclaimed guest vocalist Dee Alexander, plays the big-band music of Duke Ellington and Count Basie, with transcriptions by Lindberg for Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughn.

Every year, Lakeshore Music partners with the ASU Herberger School of Music Jazz Studies program to produce a premiere performance showcasing ASU's student musicians in concert with notable singers and conductors from around the nation.

Lindberg is a professor of music at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. He also is music director of the Chicago Jazz Orchestra and is among the world's renowned transcribers of recorded music. He has been commissioned to transcribe more than 20 jazz orchestrations for Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, directed by David Baker, and commissioned to transcribe jazz orchestrations for such artists as Dave Brubeck and Joe Williams.

His transcriptions have been performed by the Count Basie and Woody Herman orchestras and the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band. Two of his transcriptions were performed by the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra at the White House.

Singing for Ella and Sarah is Alexander, Chicago's queen of jazz. Alexander is among the premier vocalists and songwriters in American music today. Her performances span virtually every musical genre related to the African diaspora, gospel, blues, neo-soul, rhythm-and-blues and world music, but her true heart belongs to jazz, the one idiom that can encompass all of her influences.

She and Lindberg are no strangers to Lakeshore Music audiences.

Dr. Michael Kocour, another frequent Lakeshore performer, is ASU's director of Jazz Studies. The Herberger Institute School of Music's Concert Jazz Band is the premier large ensemble of the Jazz Studies program, in which students study and perform music from the classic big-band repertoire, as well as commissioned works, student compositions and recent works by contemporary jazz composers. Other recent guest artists appearing with the Concert Jazz Band include Eric Alexander, Jerry Bergonzi, Wycliffe Gordon, Bob Mintzer, Dick Oatts, Eric Schneider, Joel Spencer and Scott Wendholt.

For more information, please go to: <https://music.asu.edu/ensembles/concert-jazz-band>

<https://www.wooster.edu/news/releases/2013/december/lindberg/index.php>

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