DEGREE
BACHELOR OF MUSIC
JAZZ STUDIES

“If you are looking for a hands-on and personal approach to learning jazz, the Cali School of Music is the right place for you. The jazz program here is the perfect size for establishing great connections with professors, as well as other students. You will get a great music education without the feeling of being lost in a gigantic program.”

—JACK WAGNER,
SENIOR JAZZ STUDIES MAJOR CLASS OF 2020

JAZZ PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Choose a major in Jazz Studies or Music
- Education/Jazz Concentration
- Receive individualized attention from adjunct teaching artist faculty who are both well-known practitioners and outstanding educators
- Become totally integrated into the Cali School’s music program, including opportunities to play in non-jazz ensembles
- Perform with jazz ensembles including two big bands, vocal jazz ensemble, small jazz combos, and jazz guitar ensemble
- Play with great professionals, including recent MSUJE guest artists Darmon Meader, Andrew Jones, Neil Yates, Mario Adnet, John Daversa, David Bixler, and more
- Prepare yourself for advanced study or to pursue a musical career, or for an integrated career that includes teaching in the public schools
- Visit nearby jazz venues in New Jersey and New York to hear the world’s greatest musicians performing nightly

FACULTY

Jeffrey Kunkel,
Program Coordinator
MSU Jazz Ensemble

Oscar Perez,
Assistant Coordinator
Piano/Arranging

Kevin Bene,
improvisation/pedagogy

Steve Benson, guitar/ensembles

Mike Boschen, trombone

David Cook, composition

Kate Cosco, jazz history

Steve Johns, drum set/ensembles

Mike Lee, saxophone/ensembles

Bill Moring,
Redhawk Jazz Band

Dylan Pramuk,
voice/Vocamotion

Marcus Printup,
trumpet

Holli Ross, voice

Dave Stryker, guitar/ensembles

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