

JEROME E. JENNINGS

email: jerome@jeromejennings.com

website: jeromejennings.com

EDUCATION

- 2004-07 THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, NY, New York
Master of Music in Jazz Studies, drum performance
- 2002-04 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, MASON GROSS SCHOOL OF THE
ARTS, New Brunswick, NJ
Bachelors in Music Performance
- 2009-12 SWING UNIVERSITY, JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER, NY, New York
Jazz 301 Certificate (in advanced jazz history)

Additional Training:

- Jazz History, Phil Schaap, 2006- 2021
- Theater training, Barbara Poitier, 2009-2012

Awards and Honors:

- 2021 Emmy Public Service Announcement Composer/Musician Winner
- 2019 Sophomore album, *Solidarity* named one of top 11 Jazz albums that spoke truth to power by NPR
- 2019 *Solidarity* receives a 4 star rating in DownBeat Magazine
- 2017 Downbeat Rising Star - Drums
- 2016 Debut album, *The Beast* nominated for the prestigious French 'Grand Prix du disque' award for Album Of The Year
- 2016 Debut album, *The Beast* received a 4 star rating in DownBeat Magazine
- 2016 Debut album, *The Beast* named one of top 3 Jazz releases by NPR
- 2016 New York City Jazz Record *The Beast* best debut of the year
- 2013 Hot House NYC Jazz Award winner for drums
- 2011 Inductee into the Cleveland Heights High Hall Of Fame
- 2006 Morse Fellowship recipient at The Juilliard School
- 2004 New Jersey Jazz Society, The Jack Stine Jazz Award

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<i>2024-</i>	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY Lecturer of Music - Jazz Drums
<i>2022-</i>	MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY Professor of Jazz History
<i>2017- 2021</i>	THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, NY, New York Resident Big Band Conductor
<i>2020 - 2021</i>	THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, NY, New York Curator/ Teacher: Juilliard Jazz Community Project Course
<i>2020</i>	THE NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY of ARTS, New Taipei City Taiwan Big Band Workshop
<i>2017-18</i>	WBGO KIDS JAZZ CONCERT SERIES Host/Band Leader
<i>2017-</i>	JAZZ MUSIC INSTITUTE, Brisbane, Australia Clinician, drum instructor, artist-in-residence
<i>2013- 2018</i>	JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER'S JAZZ FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, NY, New York Band leader for in-school concerts/presentations
<i>2013</i>	THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREENSBORO Clinician and artist-in-residence
<i>2012</i>	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH Clinician and artist-in-residence
<i>2012</i>	JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER'S JAZZ FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, London, England Performance and educational presentation at The Barbican Theater
<i>2008-14</i>	TD CANADA TRUST JAZZ INTENSIVE SASKATCHEWAN UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM, Saskatchewan, Canada Instructed students in drums, basic music theory, jazz history, and concepts of playing in various musical situations

SELECTED LECTURES & PANELS

- 2025 THE NATIONAL UNDER GROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER Cincinnati, OH
History Lecture: Jazz and Civil Rights
- 2025 LET THE DRUMS SPEAK: AROUND CONVERSATION WITH THE LEGENDARY BERNARD PRETTY PURDIE, Newark, NJ
Moderator, Jerome Jennings and DJ Skeme Richards in conversation with Bernard Purdie
- 2024 CHARLIE PARKER JAZZ FESTIVAL: MAX ROACH AT 100, New York, NY **Listening Session with Jerome Jennings**
- 2024 LINCOLN CENTER PRESENTS: JAMES REESE EUROPE - A MUSICAL LIFE, New York, NY
Panelist
- 2023-24 JAZZ HOUSE KIDS SUMMER CAMP
Jazz History Instructor
- 2022 JAZZ HOUSE KIDS SUMMER CAMP
Jazz Language: The Cultural, Historical, & Geographical
- 2021 SWING UNIVERSITY, JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER, NY, New York
Curator/Lecturer: "Good Bless The Child: Jazz, African American Musicians and the Pursuit of Freedom (5 week course)
- 2021 ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON, JAZZ ST. LOUIS, St Louis, MO
Lecturer: "The Art of Big Band Drumming"
- 2021 THE NATIONAL JAZZ MUSEUM IN HARLEM, NY, New York
Jazz History Lecture and Performance at The National Arts Club
- 2020 THE NATIONAL JAZZ MUSEUM IN HARLEM, NY, New York
Co Curator and Moderator: Jazz In The Era Of Black Lives Matter

- 2020 JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER NY, New York
Panelist: Freedom's State Of Mind
- 2020 CHAMBER MUSIC AMERICA, NY, New York
Music, Language, and Revolution
- 2019 WINTER JAZZ FESTIVAL, NY, New York
Jazz & Gender: A Discussion Of Community, Culture & Participatory Allies
- 2018 JAZZ MUSEUM IN HARLEM, NY, New York
Lecturer and panel moderator: "If It's Haynes, It Roars: Celebrating Roy Haynes"
- 2018 JAZZ MUSEUM IN HARLEM, NY, New York
Panel Moderator: "A Great Day in Harlem at 60 with Benny Golson and Jonathan Kane"
- 2017 SWING UNIVERSITY, JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER, NY, New York
Lecturer: "The Music of Brazil"
- 2016 SWING UNIVERSITY, JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER, NY, New York
Curator/Lecturer: "Musings of Max Roach" (6 week course)

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **"10 Books Highlighting the History of Racial Injustice and Resistance in Jazz"** Published on WBGO.org
- 2017 **"Success Is In The Call Back"** Published in Downbeat Magazine

SELECTED PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Bandleader:

- 2025 Jerome Jennings & iLL Philosophy Jazz in Sardegna Festival (European Jazz Expo)
- 2025 Jerome Jennings & iLL Philosophy WBGO Kids Jazz Concert Series
- 2024 Jerome Jennings & iLL Philosophy 15th Annual Montclair Jazz Festival

<i>2024</i>	Jerome Jennings & iLL Philosophy Lincoln Center Jazz Underground Summer Series
<i>2022</i>	An Evening with Duke Ellington, Maverick Concert Hall
<i>2022</i>	Beats, Rhymes & Tap Shoes Little Island, NYC
<i>2021</i>	Jazz Arts Group 2021 Jazz Series Lincoln Theatre
<i>2019</i>	Central Jersey Jazz Festival
<i>2019</i>	Harlem Jazz Series
<i>2018</i>	TriC Jazz Festival - Cleveland Ohio
<i>2011, 2016, 2019</i>	Dizzy's Club - New York City

Big Band:

<i>2017</i>	Christian McBride Big Band
<i>2015-</i>	Eddie Allen Aggregation Big Band
<i>2013</i>	Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra Directed by Wynton Marsalis
<i>2010</i>	Lionel Hampton Big Band
<i>2006</i>	The Count Basie Orchestra
<i>2007-2014</i>	Valery Ponomarev Big Band
<i>2007</i>	Charlie Mingus Big Band
<i>2004</i>	Gerald Wilson Big Band

Trio:

<i>2022</i>	Cyrus Chestnut Trio
<i>2020 -</i>	George Cables Trio
<i>2016-2019</i>	Christian Sands Trio
<i>2014-17</i>	Christian McBride Trio
<i>2012, 2019</i>	Monty Alexander Trio
<i>2011</i>	George Mesterhazy Trio
<i>2006-08</i>	Hank Jones Great Jazz Trio
<i>2007</i>	Ronnie Mathews Trio
<i>2006</i>	Stanley Cowell Trio

Groups:

<i>2018</i>	Christian McBride: Inside Straight
<i>2018, 2020</i>	Regina Carter
<i>2015-17</i>	Paul Bollenback
<i>2017-18</i>	Walter Blanding
<i>2017</i>	Chico Freeman Plus + Tet
<i>2015</i>	James Weidman/ Greg Osby: Sonic Coalition
<i>2014-18</i>	Papo Vazquez
<i>2014-17</i>	Hamiet Bluiett
<i>2013-</i>	Craig Handy (and 2nd Line Smith)
<i>2007-11</i>	Sonny Rollins
<i>2008-10</i>	Houston Person

2008	Curtis Fuller
2007, 2012-	Wynton Marsalis
2004-17	Valery Ponomarev
2009	Frank Foster Nonet
2015-18	Henry Butler and Steven Bernstein
2015-18	Shunzo Ohno
2003-18	Sean Jones
2007	Mike Phillips
2006-09	Benny Golson
2001-02	Slide Hampton
2008	Benny Powell
2005-	Tim Reis

Singer Accompaniment:

2016, 2018	Rene Marie
2016-18	Jazzmeia Horn
2011-18	Davell Crawford
2009-	Paula West
2016, 2018-19	Catherine Russell
2017	Philip Bailey
2015-18	Freddy Cole
2010- 13	Charenee Wade
2013-17	Dee Dee Bridgewater
2015-	Karrin Allyson
2013-	Carla Cook
2015	Kevin Mahogany
2008-10	Ernestine Anderson
2006	Mary Stallings

Theater Pit Experience:

2013	<i>Lady Day</i> - written and dir by Stephen Stahl (NYC)
2009	<i>Langston In Harlem</i> - dir by Kent Gash/ Music by Walter Marks (NYC)
1999	<i>The Wiz</i> - TriC Production (OH)
1998	<i>South Pacific</i> - East Cleveland Theater (OH)
1996	<i>Grease</i> - Cleveland Heights Youth Theater (OH)

DISCOGRAPHY

Bandleader:

2025	'TCB: The Toni Cade Bambara School of Organizing' movie soundtrack - *producer, musical adviser, composer, drummer album forthcoming
------	---

- 2019 Jerome Jennings: 'Solidarity' - IoLA Records *producer,
performer and leader
- 2016 Jerome Jennings: 'The Beast' - IoLA Records *producer,
performer and leader
- 2013 Outer Bridge Ensemble: "Determined" - *producer and performer

Sideman:

- 2025 Dj OooChild + YunieMo - Hey Love Collective Vol. 1 - Independent
- 2024 George Cables: I Hear Echos - HighNote Records
- 2024 Lafayette Harris: album forthcoming - HighNote Records *co producer
- 2024 Synia Carroll: Water is My Song - Clarion Jazz
- 2023 Tadataka Unno: "I Am Because You Are" -Verve Records
- 2022 Ray Chew: Dancing With The Stars - Show#3017 Guest Michael Bublé
- 2022 Ray Chew: New Jersey Performing Arts Center 25th Anniversary Gala
- 2022 Ray Chew: "Macy's 4th of July Spectacular" - Independent
- 2022 Steve Hudson: "Armando's Rumba" (single) - Independent
- 2022 Tadataka Unno: "Got My Mojo Back" -Verve Records
- 2021 Christian McBride: "The People Holiday, Movement Revisited" - NMAAHC -
2021
- 2020 Rina Yamazaki: "Rina" - Yamaha Records
- 2019 Dave Bass: "No Boundaries" - Whaling City Sound
- 2018 Silvia Manco: "Hip! The Blossom Dearie Songbook" - JandoMusic/ViaVeneto
Jazz Records
- 2018 Christian Sands: - "Facing Dragons" - Mack Avenue Records
- 2018 Karrin Allyson: "Some Of That Sunshine"
- 2018 Papo Vazquez: "Goldberg Variations: 12 Variations For Jazz Quartet"- Picaro
Records
- 2017 Jazzmia Horn: "Social Call" - Concord Records
- 2017 Ted Chub: Gratified Never Satisfied - Unit Records
- 2016 Tynan Davis: "Tynan" - Independent
- 2016 Riza Printup: "The Bird Song" (Drums and Percussion)
- 2016 Sonny Rollins: "Holding the Stage (Road Shows, Vol. 4)" - Okeh Records
- 2016 Matt Parker Trio: "Present Time" - BYNK Records
- 2016 Shunzo Ohno: "ReNew"- Pulse Beat Records - *producer and performer
- 2015 Andrea Murchison: "Return Home" - Murch Church
- 2015 Lee Hogans feat. Pursuance: "What We Play Is Life"- Independent
- 2014 Jon Burr Quintet: - "Very Good Year"- Independent
- 2014 Tadataka Unno Trio: "Journeyer" - Independent
- 2014 It's Christmas on Mack Avenue - Mack Avenue Records
- 2014 Sweet Lou: "Sweet Lou's Blues" - Independent
- 2014 Sarah Manning: "Harmonious Creature"- Posi-Tone Records
- 2014 Aram Bajakian: "There Were Flowers Also In Hell" - Sanasar Records

2014 Hilary Gardner: "This Great City"- Anzic Records
 2013 Miki Hirose: "Scratch" - Jazz Lab Records
 2012 Paula West: "Live At Jazz Standard (NYC)" - Hi Horse Records *associate producer
 2012 Rongetz Foundation: "Brooklyn Butterfly Session" - Heavenly Sweetness Records
 2012 Rongetz Foundation: "Broken Doll Beat" - Heavenly Sweetness Records - 2012
 2011 Soul Cycle: "Homebrew" - Soul Cycle Music
 2011 Allan Harris: "Open Up Your Mind" - Love Productions, LLC
 2011 Oscar Perez Nuevo Comienzo: "Afropean Affair" - Chandra Records
 2011 Niki King and The Elements: "It's All Good" - Soul Route Records - *producer and performer
 2011 Ernestine Anderson: "Nightlife Live At Dizzys Club Coca Cola" - HighNote Records
 2010 Jae London: "Discovery-The Album" - The London Life Music Co
 2010 Miki Hirose: "A Day In New York" - Jazz Lab Records
 2009 Hal Weary Quintet: "Rendezvous with Deja Vu" - Musical Entertainment
 2009 Houston Person: "The Art and Soul of Houston Person"- HighNote Records
 2009 Fancesca Han: "Francesca Han" - Mm Records Group
 2009 Rocky Mountain Jazz Compilation - Chronograph Records
 2008 Andrea Murchison: "Morning Time" - Murch Church Records
 2007 Joe Baione: "Oh Yeah!" - Independent
 2007 Mark Hynes Trio Dennis Irwin: "Tribute" - Celler Live Records
 2007 Satoru Ohashi: "Moanin' On The Street" - Independent
 2007 Juilliard Big Band and Small Ensembles: *Above and Beyond* - Independent
 2008 Mark Dejong: "The Unknown"- Chronograph Records
 2006 Sean Jones: *Roots* Mack Avenue Records
 2006 Hank Jones Trio: "Live At Tokyo Bluenote" - Eighty-Eight's Records - (DVD)
 2006 Valery Ponomarev: "Beyond The Obvious" - Reservoir Music
 2005 Ken Kawata: "Portrait Of Manhattan" - K&K Records
 2005 Lee Hogans & Pursuance: "The Vibe Orientation" - Independence
 2003 Brooklyn Soul Organization: "Brooklyn Soul Organization" - M&N Records
 2002 William Menefield: "Will's Revenge" - Independent
 2001 Hamilton Hardin: "Resurrection Suite" - Independent

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Acting:

2023 *The Color Purple* - Film directed by Blitz. Bazawule
 2019 *The Godfather of Harlem* - Directed by Forest Whitaker and John Ridley (NYC)
 2017 New York Times film short for Tiffany and Co. *New Ways of Seeing: Episode 4* hosted by Jerry Saltz
 2016 *The Gospel According To Max Roach* (one man play) - written and directed by Laurence Holder (NYC)
 2013 Principle Cast Member- *Lady Day* Little Shubert Theatre (NYC)

2013 HBO's *Boardwalk Empire*- (NYC)
2009 Principle Cast Member- Super Bowl Commercial: Heineken, Starring John Turturro, (NYC)
2008 *The Stoop* music video (Co Producer) - Little Jackie, (NYC)
2008 *Cadillac Records*, Director - Darnell Martin, (NYC)