



DuPage Community Jazz Ensembles



Featuring Guest Artists



Ernie Watts



Corky Siegel



Kalyan Pathak

Matt Shevitz
Director

Dec 4, 2025

Welcome to the McAninch Arts Center!



Dear Friends,

It is always a joy to welcome you to the McAninch Arts Center. Each season, our stage becomes a home for extraordinary artistry from around the world, and we are thrilled to share these experiences with you. From unforgettable music and breathtaking dance to thought-provoking theatre and laugh-out-loud comedy, our touring performances bring the very best of the arts right here to DuPage County.

Your presence here is more than just attending a show—it is a celebration of the arts and a vital part of keeping them alive in our community. Every ticket purchased, every standing ovation, and every shared moment in this theater helps us fulfill our mission to make the arts accessible, engaging, and transformative.

As you enjoy today's performance, I encourage you to explore everything the MAC has to offer—from our gallery exhibitions and educational programs to our local and international collaborations. Whether this is your first visit or your fiftieth, we are honored to share this experience with you and look forward to making you feel right at home.

If you enjoy coming to the MAC, the greatest help you can offer us is to share your experiences with friends and neighbors. Word-of-mouth is one of the most powerful ways to keep the arts thriving in our community. If there is anything we can do to make your experience more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to let us know.

We look forward to entertaining you this evening, and we thank you sincerely for your support of the MAC.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Diana'.

Diana Martinez
Executive Director
McAninch Arts Center



Music at the MAC

Welcome to a place where music is performed, studied, explored and shared!

In the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, students and community musicians explore the musical arts, hone their skills, and entertain audiences. You can walk through our hallways and hear the sounds of instrumental and vocal ensembles, private lessons in all instruments and voice, music classes, and performances like the one you are enjoying today.

We hope you enjoy the broad range of music we make with collaborations of eager musicians and experienced faculty in classical, jazz and unclassifiable styles. All of our ensembles welcome new members at the start of every semester and perform regularly.

Music has thrived at COD for over four decades. While faculty, students, and audiences change, we are part of a legacy of music as an essential form of human expression from the very beginning of human life. The primacy of musical expression continues to this day, despite all obstacles.

We hope you enjoy tonight's concert. Drop in on our free Music Fridays @ Noon in MAC 140. Join us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or join our e-newsletter for news about all the events at the MAC (www.AtTheMAC.org).

Thank you for joining us for these concerts. Enjoy the music!

The Music Faculty at College of DuPage

McAninch Arts Center
at College of DuPage
presents

DuPage Community Jazz Ensembles

Matt Shevitz, Director

featuring
Guest Artists

Ernie Watts
saxophone

and

Corky Siegel
harmonica and piano

with

Kalyan Pathak
drums and percussion

Artists-in-Residence

Neil Carson, saxophone
Andrew Meyer, trombone
Fred Cantu, trumpet
Mary Halm, bass

*In an effort to support our students, \$2 of each ticket
goes to the John Belushi Scholarships for Music Students*

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025
Belushi Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.



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For more information

Contact Thomas Stark at (630) 942-2391 or starkt1620@cod.edu.

For ADA accommodations, please email access@cod.edu with the event title in the subject line and your accommodation request. Please email two weeks in advance.



PROGRAM

Five O'Clock Band

<i>Run</i>	C. Skeffington
<i>Milestones</i>	M. Davis, arr. M. Tomaro
<i>Pools</i>	D. Grolnick, arr. J. Fedchock
<i>Here Am I</i>	D. Byrd, arr. N. Carson
<i>I Be Serious 'Bout Dem Blues</i>	J. Clayton

INTERMISSION

Seven O'Clock Band

<i>Such Sweet Thunder</i>	D. Ellington & B. Strayhorn, arr. M. Kamuf
<i>Nica's Dream</i>	H. Silver, arr. N. Carson
<i>Cyan Thread</i>	J. Smith
<i>Friday Night at the Cadillac Club</i>	B. Berg, arr. C. Culver
<i>Liberty City</i>	J. Pastorius



Want to Help Support COD Music Students?



The College of DuPage Foundation has started a new initiative fund for music students who can't afford private lessons. Stop by the Box Office for more information or call the COD Foundation at (630) 942-2462 to make a donation.

No donation is too small.

Thank you for your consideration.

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PERSONNEL

DUPAGE COMMUNITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Matt Shevitz, *Music Director*

Guest Artists

Ernie Watts, saxophone
Corky Siegel, harmonica

Special Guest

Kalyan Pathak, drums and percussion

Artists-in-Residence

Neil Carson, saxophone
Andrew Meyer, trombone
Fred Cantu, trumpet
Mary Halm, bass

FIVE O'CLOCK BAND

Saxophones

Nicholas Cristao
Jorge Covarrubias Rodriguez
Theodore Cleveland
Julian Paik
Jordan Sheren

Trombones

Frank Huerta
Isaac Retter
Caiden Moodley
Joe Consoli
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Trumpets

Anthony Seavey
David Stickley
Dwight Dodd

Rhythm

Michael Malik, guitar
Larry Pilon, piano
Krisna Khan, bass
Liam Reese, drums

SEVEN O'CLOCK BAND

Saxophones

Andrea Pini
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Kyle Gore
Frank Figueroa
Jorge Covarrubias Rodriguez
Rhianna Ritscherle
Kasandra Chavez

Trombones

Chris Whitson
Kim Mniszewski
Adam Wilkerson
Christopher Blair
Tyler Saviano
Juliana Tuohy
Jeff Gates, bass trombone

Trumpets

Luke Wallace
Mark Shehan
Keithia Williams
Noah Emmert
Tat Ebihara

Rhythm

Susan Fredericks, piano
Henry Rutkowski, piano
Shoji Naito, guitar
Daniel Cruz-Mata, bass
Rachel Brown, drums
Angel Gamardo, drums

ABOUT

The **DuPage Community Jazz Ensembles** perform programs throughout the academic year as well as numerous off-campus performances. Its repertoire spans more than a century of large jazz ensemble compositions, including original work from members of the ensemble. The ensemble has accompanied guest artists such as Ignacio Berroa, Fareed Haque, Dee Alexander, Jens Lindemann, Victor Garcia, and Mark Colby, is a frequent presence at the Elmhurst University Jazz Festival, and has performed at the Jazz Showcase. In 2004 they were recognized by the United States House of Representatives for their work on behalf of the Armed Forces Children's Education Fund. Music 1181, Community Jazz Ensemble, is a course at COD open to any musician interested in the American musical performance tradition.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays 5:00-6:50p (Five O'Clock Band) and Wednesdays 7:00-9:50p (Seven O'Clock Band), Room 138 McAninch Arts Center. Contact Matt Shevitz at shevitzm@cod.edu with any questions.

Dining Partners!

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For all your pre-show meals and post-show bites, we are thrilled to be partnering with these neighborhood restaurants. Our dining partners offer MAC patrons exclusive discounts and special offers. All MAC ticket orders receive coupons to these local favorite restaurants!

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Ernie Watts, a two-time Grammy Award–winning saxophonist, is celebrated as one of the most versatile and expressive voices in modern jazz. Performing professionally since age 16, he has appeared on over 500 recordings with artists such as Cannonball Adderley, Aretha Franklin, and Frank Zappa. Known for his rich tone and melodic style, Watts received the prestigious Frankfurt Music Prize in 2014 for his influence on generations of musicians. After releasing 15 albums, he founded Flying Dolphin Records in 2004 with his wife, Patricia. The label has produced acclaimed albums including *Wheel of Time*, *A Simple Truth*, and *Oasis*, showcasing his range from blues and calypso to post-bop and lyrical ballads. A longtime member of Charlie Haden’s Quartet West, Watts continues to tour internationally, teach, and perform, dedicated to using music as a unifying force that connects people through shared harmony and spirit. More at erniewatts.com



Corky Siegel is known internationally as one of the world’s great blues harmonica players, blues pianist, singer-songwriter, creator of Chamber Blues and the sole pioneer/composer of award-winning revolutionary works that weave blues and classical forms together. Co-founder of the Siegel-Schwall Band, and Blues Hall of Fame Inductee, Siegel has a catalogue of recordings on RCA, Vanguard, Alligator, and million selling blues/classical recordings on iconic classical label Deutsche Grammophon. His close associations with blues masters in the earlier days of Chicago blues, his essential part in the blues rock revolution, and his surprising success in bringing together blues and classical audiences make him a pivotal (though inconspicuous) figure in modern music history. More at corkymusic.com

PROFILES



Kalyan Pathak is one of the busiest virtuoso tabla and multi-ethnic percussionists in the USA. He has performed, collaborated, and toured with artists across genres, including Aretha Franklin, Regis Philbin, and Jazz Organist Dr. Lonnie Smith. An elite member of the Aretha Franklin Orchestra, he played at her memorial in 2018. He has appeared as a soloist with the Elgin Symphony Orchestra and San Francisco

Ballet, toured Israel with Alberto Mizrahi and Peter Yarrow, and collaborated with Fareed Haque, Howard Levy and many others. Recent projects include *Immigrant Stories* with Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, recording with his own group Jazz Mata, Chicago Silk Road Project, Fulcrum Point New Music Project, and arranging for Bollywood film composers Shankar–Ehsaan–Loy. He is currently touring with Blues Harmonica/piano legend Corky Siegel and Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues, and has performed with Chicago phenom band Tributosaurus since 2002.



Matt Shevitz (Director) is an in-demand musician in the jazz, blues, and popular music scenes of Chicago area. He has performed alongside such internationally renowned jazz musicians as Dick Hyman, Ignacio Berroa, Howard Levy, Frank Capp, and Frank Wess along with blues/roots rock guitarist Eric Lindell and Ropeadope Records artists Spare Parts. Shevitz has performed at Jazz in the Park Festival (Milwaukee),

Waterfront Blues Festival (Portland), Chicago Blues Festival, Lollapalooza and House of Blues in Chicago. Shevitz is a contributor to *DownBeat Magazine* since 2009 with articles analyzing transcriptions of great jazz solos as well as jazz theory and effective practice habits. Shevitz is a professor and the Director of Jazz Ensembles at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL. He received a Doctor of Musical Arts in Jazz Performance degree from the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master of Music in Jazz Pedagogy from Northwestern Univ. and a Bachelor of Science in Music from the Univ. of Oregon.



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Your Gift to the MAC

- Brings nationally and internationally renowned artists to our community
- Supports our SchoolStage program that annually offers affordable arts experiences to thousands of schoolchildren
- Provides students and community members the opportunity to interact with artists
- Enhances quality of life in our community

Without the generous support of the Friends of the MAC, we would not be the beacon for the arts in DuPage County. We gratefully thank our friends, and we invite others to join them.

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Volunteer at the MAC

We are always looking for enthusiastic, dedicated, reliable and customer service-oriented people to become volunteers serving as ushers, greeters and docents at our events. Volunteers provide invaluable service by assisting guests to their seats, answering questions and most importantly creating a welcoming environment for our guests. Volunteers are unpaid, but that doesn't mean you won't be rewarded. The cultural perks you'll enjoy as a volunteer include vouchers for every shift worked offering discounts to use at the MAC Box Office and invitation to our annual volunteer appreciation dinner including prizes and gifts.

Visit AtTheMAC.org/Volunteer to fill out an online application and for more information on requirements and qualifications. Applications accepted year-round.

For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator
 Rob Nardini: nardinir@cod.edu | (630) 942-3705.

HOUSE NOTES

- Cameras and recording devices are not allowed in the theater and are prohibited by our contracts with the artists.
- Smoking is not permitted in the theater or on campus.
- For your comfort and security, all backpacks and large bags must be checked.
- Please turn off all cell phones and any other alarms while in the theater.
- Emergency phone number at COD Police Department for after-hour calls is (630) 942-2000.
- Latecomers seated at discretion of the House Manager.
- Groups of 10 or more may contact (630) 942-3026 or groupitx@cod.edu to arrange for group discounts.
- If you notice a spill in the theater, please notify an usher.
- McAninch Arts Center volunteers are people who assist the house staff in areas of ticket taking, ushering and general management during performances. To get involved, call (630) 942-3705.
- **For Americans With Disabilities Act** accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692 (TDD).
- **Infrared Assistive Listening Devices:** For audience members who desire audio amplification of performances, headsets with individual volume controls are now available. You may check out the headsets at the Box Office with a driver's license. *Underwritten by a generous gift from The Knowles Foundation.*

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Director of the McAninch Arts Center.....	Diana Martinez
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Box Office Manager	Julie Elges
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Box Office Assistants.....	Patrick Garon, Joanne Hunt
Patron Services Manager	Tom Murray
House Manager/Volunteer Coordinator	Rob Nardini

MAC Resident Professional Ensembles

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Managing Artistic Director	Gus Menary
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New Philharmonic, Music Director and Conductor	Kirk Muspratt
New Philharmonic, Associate Conductor and Librarian	Benjamin Nadel
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Production Manager	Joe Hopper
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Audio Production Specialist	Fisher Parsons
Events Production Specialist/Tech. Director – BTE	Caitlyn Woods
Stage Hands	Bobby Bryan, Zak Zubka