

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

JAZZ COMBOS

SUNDAY APRIL
19TH
7 PM

LOWER STRONG
AUDITORIUM

University of Rochester

Jazz Combos

Black Nile

Wayne Shorter
arr. Nate Levas

Mr. Cool

Shea Thorpe

**Stompin' at the
Savoy**

Benny Goodman
arr. Nate Levas

Down to Earth

Shea Thorpe

Crazy Race

Roy Hargrove
arr. Nate Levas

Exit 30

Shea Thorpe

Plastic off the Sofa

Beyoncé
arr. Elana Memke

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Director, Matt Erman

Mia Gensure - Alto Saxophone

Elana Memke - Tenor Saxophone

Kristofer Gizzo - Tenor Saxophone

Nate Levas - Trombone

Nathan Carpenter-Holmes - Guitar

Nigel Husted - Piano

Chris Northington - Bass

Shea Thorpe - Drums

Matthew Erman is a graduate from the Eastman School of Music where he received a degree in Jazz and Contemporary Media (MM) while studying under Charles Pillow. Matthew attended The State University of New York at Fredonia where he studied both classical and jazz saxophone and completed degrees in Music Education and Jazz Studies.

Matthew was a member of the Fredonia New Jazz Ensemble which received Downbeat magazine's Student Music Award for Outstanding Performance by a College Large Jazz Ensemble - Undergraduate College division, in 2019. He also won the Fredonia Jazz Society Student Jazz Competition in 2019. Matthew has performed with groups such as the World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra (as a guest artist), BLB, Miller and The Other Sinners as well as shared the stage with Tommy Smith and Peter Johnstone during the 2023 Rochester International Jazz Festival with the Eastman Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Christine Jensen. Matthew has also performed alongside artists such as, The O'Jays, Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti, Little Anthony, Frankie Negrón, Carlos Garcia, Anthony Bernasconi, Jodi Benson (Gypsy the Musical), GRAMMY award-winning jazz vocalist Nicole Zuraitis and has had the chance to open for Anat Cohen. Matthew has most recently contributed to playing the album release show of Russell Scarbrough's "Fun Times" as well as has recorded on Rochester based Pop-Soul group The Sideways' newest album "Fair Weather".

Matthew has had the opportunity to study with several teachers who have impacted him and his playing, they include Chris Hemingway, John Marshall, Bill Katz, Alec Dube, John Bacon Jr., Nick Weiser, Diane Hunger, Nick Childs, and Elliot Scozzaro. Matthew keeps a regular performance schedule outside of his private lesson studio and can be seen playing at many venues around Rochester and the Western New York area. Matthew is currently an instrumental music teacher at Canandaigua Academy and serves as an adjunct instructor at the Arthur Satz Department of Music at the University of Rochester.