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**BUTLER UNIVERSITY
JAZZ COLLECTIVE**

Jesse Wittman, *director*

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY
JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Richard Dole, *director*

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

7:30 P.M.

Schrott Center for the Arts

PROGRAM

BUTLER UNIVERSITY JAZZ COLLECTIVE

Dindi

Antonio Carlos Jobim (1927-1994)

Deluge

Wayne Sorter (1933-2023)

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(Soloists will be announced from the stage)

Chunka Lunka

Mary Lou Williams

Moonlight in Vermont

Karl Suessdorf / John Blackburn
arr. Preston Fox

Boo-Dah

comp./arr. Billy Strayhorn

Bag O' Bones

Neil Hefti

Early Autumn

Ralph Burns

Song of the Volga Boatmen

traditional (Russian)
arr. Bill Finegan

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Olander Porter – trombone
Aaron Wilson – tenor saxophone
Preston Fox – guitar
Lucas Samberg – bass
Yusef Alsatie – drums
Elvin Deckard – alto saxophone

BUTLER UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE
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SAXOPHONES

Kenvae Tarver - Alto 1
Silas Owens - Alto 2
Aaron Wilson - Tenor 1
Demico Southern - Tenor 2
Megan Dudenhoeffer - Bari

TRUMPETS

David Strayhorn - Lead
Vanessa Walker - 2nd
Amy Yactayo – 3rd
Tom Johnson - 4th

TROMBONES

Olander Porter - Split Lead
Joshua Reddick - Split Lead
Matthew Campitelli - 2nd
Joseph Smith - 3rd
Andrew Dorton - Bass

RHYTHM

Elvin Deckard - Drums
Lucas Samberg - Bass
Colin Hunt - Bass
Preston Fox - Guitar
Devon Wiley - Guitar
Michael Johnson - Piano

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

BUTLER UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The award-winning Butler University Jazz Ensemble is one of eight jazz-related ensembles at Butler University. Under the direction of Dr. Matt Pivec, the band has performed with world-renowned guest artists such as Kenny Barron, Cécile McLorin-Salvant, Sullivan Fortner, John Clayton, Benny Golson, Stefon Harris, Maria Schneider, Kurt Elling, Christian McBride, Bobby Sanabria, Donny McCaslin, Fred Sturm, Robert Baca, Melvin Rhyne, Steve Allee, and Ted Poor.

In the past decade, the Butler University Jazz Ensemble has been selected to perform at several prestigious conferences including the 2023 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Conference and the 2024 Western International Band Clinic. The ensemble has also performed at the Indiana Music Educators Association State Conference in 2023, 2020, and 2014.

The Butler University Jazz Ensemble has been the recipient of many awards, including being honored as the winner of the 2020 Downbeat Student Music Awards Undergraduate Large Ensemble Category.

In addition to performing a variety of regular on-campus concerts, the ensemble has performed at professional venues such as the Jazz Kitchen, Indy Jazz Fest, and Jazz at the Bistro. Since 2008, the ensemble has toured to New Orleans, Memphis, Chicago, and St. Louis.

Butler University Jazz is very active in educational and outreach programs, including the Benny Golson Jazz Festival, the Butler Youth Jazz Program, and the Butler Summer Jazz Camp.

JESSE WITTMAN

Jesse Wittman is a bassist, composer, educator, and recording artist based in Indianapolis, Indiana. He holds a degree in Jazz Studies from Indiana University, where he studied with David Baker and Bruce Bransby. He also holds a master's degree in Composition from Butler University, where he studied with James Aikman and Michael Schelle. He currently teaches jazz bass at Butler University, and has had the pleasure of working with great musicians around the country such as Nicole Henry, Marvin Hamlisch, Steve Houton, Anne Hampton Callaway, and trombonist Steve Davis.

RICHARD DOLE

Richard Dole is an active tenor/bass trombonist and educator in Indianapolis and the surrounding region. He performs with several regional orchestras including Sinfonia da Camera Orchestra in Champaign/Urbana Illinois, the Illinois Symphony, Danville Symphony, Carmel Symphony, and the Anderson Symphony Orchestra. He has toured or performed with Aretha Franklin, Johnny Mathis, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Steve Lawrence/Edie Gorme, Barry Manilow, and the Hollywood Concert Orchestra China tour, and in 2008, he traveled with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra to Egypt for a US State Department Tour. He received both his Bachelor of Music degree in Trombone Performance and Master's Degree in Jazz Studies from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He has studied with legends in both the jazz and trombone world including M. Dee Stewart, Edwin Anderson, Carl Lente, Dominic Spera, and Dr. David N. Baker. He is currently ABD in his pursuit of the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Jazz Performance at the University of Illinois where he is the Teaching Assistant for trombonist Jim Pugh.

He can be heard each Wednesday at 9pm on WICR 88.7 as co-host of the radio show "Have You Heard"; the podcast of the radio show is online at haveyouheardjazz.com. Mr. Dole resides in Indianapolis with his wife Stacy and their two beautiful children, Griffin and Ellington.

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