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FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

JMU School of Music  
*presents the*

**JMU George West Jazz Festival**

*featuring the*

**JMU Jazz Ensemble**

Dr. Charles Dotas, *Director*

*and the*

**National Jazz Workshop Quintet**

Matt Niess, *Director*

*with Guest Artists*

**Matt Niess, *trombone***

**David Pope, *tenor sax***

**Brett Kirby, *tenor sax***

**Bob Hallahan, *piano***

**Karine Chapdelaine, *bass***

Saturday, April 2, 2016

4 pm

Concert Hall



## Program

### National Jazz Workshop Quintet

Program announced from the stage

#### JMU Jazz Ensemble

Mox Nix

Benny Golson  
arr. Chuck Dotas

Charlie Frise, *trumpet*  
Peter Burkholder, *alto sax*  
Kaleel Moore, *alto sax*  
Kevin Ichord, *tenor sax*  
Lenny Grasso, *tenor sax*  
Courtney Wright, *bari sax*  
Matt Neiss, *trombone*  
Austin Stahle, *guitar*

Cheek to Cheek

Irving Berlin  
arr. Steve Wiest

Matt Niess, *trombone*

Bass Suite/Berberé

Avishai Cohen/Henri Texier  
arr. Chuck Dotas

Karine Chapdelaine, *bass*

Joy Spring

Clifford Brown  
arr. Chuck Dotas

Chloe Youtsey, *voice*  
Bob Hallahan, *piano*

Doodle-Oodle

Billy Byers  
edited by Marty Robinson  
David Pope & Brett Kirby, *tenor sax*

## Personnel

### National Jazz Workshop Quartet

Alex De Lazzari, *tenor*  
Jan Knutson, *guitar*  
Tomas Jackson, *vibes*  
Dylan Jackson, *piano*  
Michael Baylock, *bass*  
Kyle Smith, *drums*

### JMU Jazz Ensemble

#### Woodwinds

Peter Burkholder, *alto sax*  
Kaleel Moore, *alto sax*  
Evan Kopca, *clarinet*  
Kevin Ichord, *tenor sax*  
Lenny Grasso, *tenor sax*  
Courtney Wright, *bari sax*

#### Trumpets

Alec Moser  
Charlie Frise  
Eli Goldstein  
Will Jones  
Matt Soderberg

#### Trombones

Aidan Farley  
Will Ford  
Bobby Warden  
Josh Cole

#### Rhythm Section

Chloe Youtsey, *piano*  
Austin Stahle, *guitar*  
Max Barrett, *bass*  
Matt Rapiejko, *drumset*

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# Biography

Since 1988 Matt Niess has served as lead trombonist with The US Army Blues Jazz Ensemble based in Washington, DC. He earned an undergraduate degree in Instrumental Music Education from West Chester University in 1986, a Master of Music in Trombone Performance from George Mason University in 1996 and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance from Catholic University of America.

He was director of bands at Calvert High School in Prince Frederick, MD from 1986-1988, has taught on the jazz faculties of Shenandoah and Towson Universities and served as director of jazz studies and professor of trombone at West Chester University from 2003-2007.

With The Army Blues he has served as Senior Producer and Jazz Coordinator of the Eastern Trombone Workshop producing over 200 concerts at various venues from The White House to the Monterey,

CA Jazz Festival. He is the founder and director of The Capitol Bones, a jazz trombone ensemble, which has received national recognition and was winner of the 1991 International Trombone Association Kai Winging Award.

He has appeared as a soloist, clinician, and adjudicator at numerous jazz festivals, universities and schools throughout the United States. With The Army Blues, he has performed with Clark Terry, Doc Severinsen, Bill Watrous, Phil Wilson, Conrad Herwig, Carl Fontana, Don Menza, Chris Potter, John Clayton, Alabama, Rany Travis, Ertha Kitt, Allen Vizutti, Jon Faddis, The New York Voices, Terrell Stafford, Michael Abene, Dave Steinmeyer, Steve Turre, Tim Hagens, John Swana, James Moody, Buddy DeFranco, Dr. Billy Taylor, Bob Curnow, Mike Tomaro and many others.

## Upcoming Performances

### April 2016

*Faculty Recital* - Anastasia Christofakis, *clarinet*

JMU Jazz Combos

JMU Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band

*Faculty Recital* - Carl Donankowski, *cello*

*Masterpiece Season* - Chick Corea & Bela Fleck

Sun., April 3 @ 8 pm, Duke Hall Gallery\*

Tues., April 5 @ 7-9 pm, Artful Dodger

Wed., April 6 @ 8 pm, Concert Hall\*

Thurs., April 7 @ 8 pm, Recital Hall\*

Fri., April 8 @ 8 pm, Concert Hall\*

\* These concerts provide student credit for MUS 195.

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