

Reminder - Lakeland Jazz Fest this Fri - Sun / Coltrane Tribute and more...

Hi Folks.

You don't want to miss this year's Lakeland Jazz Festival. This year's festival will be an exciting tribute to **John Coltrane**, led by the world-class tenor player **Ralph Moore**, with an all-star quartet featuring **Xavier Davis** on piano, **Rodney Whitaker** on bass, and **Sean Dobbins** on drums. All major players!!

The festival also includes a big band Sunday concert with not one, but two excellent big bands - the **Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra**. and the **Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble**.

Plus join us for the high school performers during the day on Friday and Saturday as they play for adjudication.

It's a fun and exciting three days just up the road in Mentor.

We hope you can join us.

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47th Annual Lakeland Jazz Festival

*John Coltrane Remembered:
Featuring the Ralph Moore Quartet*

Big Band Matinee

Middle and High School Performances for Adjudication

March 15 - 17, 2019
Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center (D-Building)
Lakeland Community College

Select here for tickets or call 440-525-7134

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Middle and High School Performances & Adjudication

Free and open to the public

Select here for a list of performing schools

Adjudicators:

Mike Tomaro (sax) Duquesne University
Scott Garlock (trombone) Ashland University
Jack Schantz (trumpet) -University of Akron
Joe Hunter (piano) - Cuyahoga Community College
Bill Ransom (drums) - Cleveland State University

Saturday, March 16

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Middle and High School Performances & Adjudication

Free and open to the public

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8 p.m. John Coltrane Remembered: Featuring the Ralph Moore Quartet

7:00 p.m. Pre-Concert Discussion - Up Close and Personal with Ralph Moore and His Band with interviewer Dan Polletta WCPN 90.3FM ideastream

\$20 general admission; \$10 students

John Coltrane (September 23, 1926 – July 17, 1967) was an American jazz saxophonist and composer. Working in the bebop and hard bop idioms, Coltrane helped pioneer the use of modes and was at the forefront of free jazz. He led at least 50 recording sessions and appeared on many albums by other musicians, including trumpeter Miles Davis and pianist Thelonious Monk. His 1959 album, *Giant Steps*, is considered to be a seminal album in jazz and has inspired generations of musicians. He received many posthumous awards, including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002 and a Pulitzer Prize in 2007.

RALPH MOORE SAXOPHONE



Few musicians have the history and experience as tenor saxophone great Ralph Moore. He has been a heavy-weight in the jazz world for decades. His early influences such as John Coltrane can be heard in his tenor sax tone and styling.

Born in London, Moore's life has always been culturally rich. Moving to the U.S. in the 1970s, Moore became a dedicated musician as a teenager. After attending Berklee College of Music in Boston, Moore began the life of a jazz musician. He later received the Lenny Johnson Memorial Award for outstanding musicianship.

Moore has played and recorded music with an amazing list of musicians like Dizzy Gillespie, Horace Silver, Freddie Hubbard, Ray Brown, Roy Haynes, J.J. Johnson, Cedar Walton, Bobby Hutcherson, McCoy Tyner, Roy Hargrove, Oscar Peterson, Kenny Baron to name a few. His passion and life-long study of the tenor sax can be felt in his music.

Notably, Moore spent 15 years playing tenor saxophone in the The Tonight Show Orchestra with Jay Leno. During that time, Moore collaborated with many musicians, jazz quartets and quintets. One in particular, aptly named "Escape from New

York," featured some of his Tonight Show band members, drummer Marvin "Smitty" Smith and bassist Bob Hurst.

Moore has released several albums for the Landmark (now 32 Jazz), Criss Cross, Concord, Reservoir and Savoy labels. He can also be heard playing sideman on many other great jazz albums. Ralph Moore has a solid, straight-ahead and inspiring style that puts him out front where he belongs.

XAVIER DAVIS PIANO

Xavier Davis is one of the most accomplished Jazz pianists worldwide. As a bandleader, he has released two critically acclaimed albums – 'Dance of Life' and 'The Innocence of Youth'. In addition, his talent has been featured on more than 50 albums. Xavier is also part of the Christian McBride Big Band and was featured on Christian's album 'The Good Feeling', which won a Grammy Award in 2012. Davis has even performed and recorded with many other world-famous Jazz artists like the legendary Freddie Hubbard, Tom Harrell, Regina Carter, Stefon Harris, Abbey Lincoln, and Jeremy Pelt among others.

In 2005, Xavier became the first person to receive the prestigious "New Works Grant" twice from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. He has also worked with the Boy's Choir of Harlem as their musical director and is proud to be an associate professor of jazz piano at Michigan State University

RODNEY WHITAKER

**The 47th Annual
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Jazz Festival**
March 15-17, 2019

Saturday, March 16, 2019 - 8 p.m.

**John Coltrane Remembered,
featuring the Ralph Moore Quartet**

Ralph Moore has been a heavyweight in the jazz world for decades, performing and recording with legends such as Dizzy Gillespie, Horace Silver and Freddie Hubbard, to name a few. Joining him are the all-star rhythm section of former Wynton Marsalis' bass player Rodney Whitaker, Grammy Award-winning pianist Xavier Davis and up-and-coming drummer Sean Dobbins.

Ralph Moore - tenor sax
Xavier Davis - piano
Rodney Whitaker - acoustic bass
Sean Dobbins - drums

* 7-7:45 p.m. **Up Close and Personal with Ralph Moore and His Band** - a pre-concert discussion with Ralph Moore and the band members. For ticket-holders only.
Tickets: \$20 for general admission, \$10 for students.

Sunday, March 17, 2019 - 4 p.m.

Big Band Matinee
The Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Dave Steiner
The Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Mike Tomaro
Tickets: \$10 for general admission, \$7 for students.

**Friday, March 15 and
Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Serving the Schools
Middle and high school jazz ensembles perform for adjudication.
Free and open to the public.
Visit lakelandcc.edu/jazzfestival for the performance schedule.

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BASS

Rodney Whitaker is an internationally renowned bassist and Mack Avenue recording artist who currently holds the titles of professor of jazz bass and director of jazz studies at Michigan State University. He rose to fame by completing a seven-year tenure as bassist with Wynton Marsalis' Septet and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. Since then he has toured the world over the last 25 years, collaborating and performing with legendary jazz artists such as Eric Reed, Cedar Walton, and even Tommy Flanagan.

Whitaker was nominated for the Juno Award for his work on "Let Me Tell You About My Day," produced by Alma Records in 2006. Never one to forget his Detroit roots, Rodney Whitaker is one of the hardest working bass players on the scene; with recordings done with great musicians such as Roy Hargrove, Pat Metheny and Wynton Marsalis. He has even been featured on more than 100 recordings — from film to CD.

SEAN DOBBINS DRUMS

Sean Dobbins has become one of the most active sidemen on the local jazz scene for good reason. Known for his facile, limber, inventive, and playful style, Dobbins adds this to his happy persona and zest for life to create a truly distinctive performance.

 [Ralph Moore with Horace Silver on piano 1985](#)

Sunday, March 17

4 p.m. Big Band Matinee

Featuring the Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Dave Sterner and the Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Mike Tomaro

Tickets \$10 general admission, \$7 students



The Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra is under the direction of Dave Sterner and will feature music and arrangements by Bill Holman, Mike Tomaro, and Count Basie.

The Duquesne University Jazz Ensemble is under the direction of Mike Tomaro.

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About the Lakeland Jazz Festival

Festival Coordinators

Dave Sterner

Stephen Stanziano, Ph.D.

The Lakeland Jazz Festival was founded by retired professor and former music department Chair Charles M. Frank. Lakeland's Jazz Festival has remained true to its original mission of instilling the excitement and magic of jazz education to the younger generation of musicians. Over 30,000 middle and high school musicians from throughout the state have participated in this annual jazz festival in celebration of this uniquely American art form, jazz.

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