Holiday Rhythms

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The Chicago Human Rhythm Project welcomes you to our annual Holiday Rhythms concert at Chicago's iconic Jazzfing Showcase! This year's program features the debut of The Jazz Hoofing Quintet featuring Isaiah Spencer on drums, Marlene Rosenberg on bass, Brent Griffin Jr on alto saxophone, Justin Dillard on piano and Jumaane Taylor on taps. Special guests include vocalist Amyna Love, Stone Soup Rhythms soloist Keyana Latimer and young dancers from around Chicago.

This Evenings Artists:
Jumaane Taylor, Tap Dancer
   Keyana Latimer, Vocalist and Tap Dancer
Amyna Love, Vocalist
   Isaiah Spencer, Percussion
Marlene Rosenberg, Bass
   Brent Griffin, Jr., Alto Saxophone Justin Dillard, Piano

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**Jumaane Taylor:**
Jumaane Taylor, a Chicago native, has been tap dancing since the age of 7. In 2018 he presented The Jazz Hoofing Quartet, a solo dance performance using improvisation to continue the explorations of live jazz and tap. Jumaane has received the Chicago Dancemakers Forum 2017 Lab Artist Award, and 3Arts 2019 Award. Since 2021 Jumaane has also been the artistic director of the Chicago Human Rhythm Project.

**Keyana Latimer:**
Keyana Latimer is an African American actress, singer and dancer. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Keyana began her dance training at The Academy of Dance Arts. At the age of nine, she started choreographing dances for young teen girls in Chicago’s North Lawndale community. In 2020, she pursued her professional acting career landing a principal role on Fox’s television show, “Empire” and “The Chi” on showtime. She later premiered as a principal dancer in Ugly Flavors.
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Amyna Love:
A chi-town hidden jewel, Amyna Love is a Classically trained Independent artist influenced by a range of artists such as Paramore, Lianne la Havas and Ella Fitzgerald. Her alternative sound is a fusion of punk and soul sprinkled with the African influences of her upbringing. Love has opened for artists such as Goapele and Miamouna Yousef (of August Green).

Isaiah Spencer:
With his edgy style and innovative beats, jazz and blues drummer Isaiah Spencer has carved out a unique reputation in Chicago and on the national and international music stage. Not only has the North Side native performed at the Chicago Blues Festival, the Englewood Blues Festival, Jazz Showcase, the House of Blues and Rosa’s, he has taken the stage to perform with legends like Fred Anderson, William Parker and Ernest Dawkins.
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**Brent Griffin Jr.**
Brent first arrived on the Chicago music scene in 2011 when he began his music education studies at DePaul University. He wasted no time getting involved, cutting his teeth with different musicians in various musical contexts to gain valuable experience. Brent currently teaches at Stevenson High School, Griffin Institute of Performing Arts (no relation), and Midwest Young Artist Conservatory. He is devoted to using his experiences and sharing the knowledge that was passed to him to all of his students.

**Marlene Rosenberg**
Having performed and toured with Joe Henderson, Nancy Wilson, Roy Hargrove and Stan Getz, bassist Marlene Rosenberg has a background of performing with the jazz icons. But she also traffics with the newest generation of jazz artists, including Jazzmeia Horn, Makaya McCraven and Marquis Hill. Having self-produced 4 CDs, Marlene has recorded both standards and her own compositions.
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Justin Dillard:
Born and raised on the west side of Chicago and attending both Vandercook College of Music and The Velvet Lounge; his studies at both institutions gave him the honorable privilege to work with innovators locally and globally performing/recording with and/or receiving tutelage from the likes of: Branford Marsalis, Robert Irving III, Ornette Coleman, the late jazz master Von Freeman and Roscoe Mitchell to name a few.

Stone Soup Rhythms Youth:
Stone Soup Rhythms Youth consists of Eleanor Haxer, Evelyn Haxer, & Zane Aguirre
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