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# **Jazz Repertory Ensemble** Nick Weiser, Director

Ford Hall Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 8:15 pm





### **Program**

Thad Jones **Groove Merchant** (1923-1986) Easin' It Frank Foster (1928-2011)Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899-1974) In A Mellow Tone **Emancipation Blues** Oliver Nelson (1932-1975)St. Thomas Bill Holman (b. 1927) **Boplicity** Gil Evans (1912-1988)

Oliver Nelson

Down By the Riverside

### Personnel

**Saxophones** Nikhil Bartolomeo Emma Grev Sara Mercurio

Scott Byers

Travis Murdock

**Trumpets** 

Shaun Rimkunas Dan Yapp (horn) Mari Larchevegue Averi Parece

**Trombones** 

Ryan Brady Barrett Smith Sam Considine Nicholas Jones (bass) Piano Oliver Scott

Guitar/Tuba Cameron Seib

Bass

Tristen Jarvis

**Drums** 

Eric Mvers

Cooper Casterline

### Biography

Pianist **Nick Weiser** is steeped in both the jazz and classical idioms and has performed at events as far reaching as the Umbria Jazz Festival in Perugia, Italy, and Switzerland's Montreux Jazz Festival. During his formative years in western Kansas, Weiser studied piano with the late jazz pianist, composer, and arranger Frank Mantooth before matriculating to the University of Kansas. There, he developed his classical background while maintaining an active involvement in the jazz and musical theater programs, winning the prestigious Dick Wright Jazz Award in 2006 and performing with such greats as Peter Erskine, Ingrid Jensen, Rich Perry, John Abercrombie, and Gary Foster, to name a few.

He received his Bachelor of Music degree with highest distinction in 2008 before attending the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he earned both his MM and DMA in Jazz & Contemporary Media. At Eastman, he studied with artists Harold Danko and Bill Dobbins, and was a member of the Downbeat Award-winning Eastman New Jazz Ensemble, whose performance with renowned trombonist, composer, and arranger Bob Brookmeyer garnered international acclaim. Actively sharing his passion for music with others, Weiser is on the faculty at Ithaca College and Cornell University and has given lectures and master classes at universities and institutions nationwide. He continues to teach privately while maintaining an extensive jazz and classical performance schedule throughout the Northeast.