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Fall 2025 At-A-Glance



The mission of SFJAZZ Education is to reach, develop, and nurture current and future musicians and audiences by providing rich, innovative, interactive, and informative programming in jazz appreciation, creation, and performance within our diverse communities.

SEPTEMBER

- SEP 13 ▶ Family Matinee: Music Is the Magic w/ Tiffany Austin
- SEP 13 ▶ Digital Lab: Multi Track Recording w/ Heidi Trefethen
- SEP 15 ▶ SFJAM: Happy Birthday Cannonball w/ Kasey Knudsen

OCTOBER

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- OCT 18 ▶ Family Matinee: Accordion Soul Music w/ Andre Thierry
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- OCT 30 ▶ Discover Jazz: The Many Sides of Quincy Jones (class #1)

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- NOV 10 ▶ SFJAM: Etta James/Etta Jones w/ Tiffany Austin



- NOV 13** ▶ Discover Jazz: The Many Sides of Quincy Jones (class #3)
- NOV 14** ▶ RJAM Side-by-Side: New Visions
- NOV 20** ▶ Discover Jazz: The Many Sides of Quincy Jones (class #4)
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- NOV 22** ▶ Digital Lab: Songwriter Production Masterclass w/ Pablo Quintero

DECEMBER

- DEC 7** ▶ High School All-Stars Winter Concert
- DEC 15** ▶ SFJAM: Celebrate the Hall-i-days w/ Tammy L. Hall
- DEC 20** ▶ Family Matinee: Charlie Brown Holiday w/ Adam Shulman + SF Girls Chorus
- DEC 20** ▶ Digital Lab: Live Looping w/ Daniel Berkman

JANUARY

- JAN 26** ▶ SFJAM: Rhythm & Blues Changes w/ Kasey Knudsen



SFJAZZ School Day Concert

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JHL | Joe Henderson Lab Miner | Miner Auditorium

Joy Spring!

SFJAZZ serves thousands of youth and adults across the Bay Area with dynamic education programs in the concert hall, classroom, digital space and community. Whether you are an aspiring musician wishing to brush up on technique, an enthusiastic jazz fan eager to dive deeper into jazz history, or a parent searching for engaging musical experiences to share with your child, SFJAZZ provides musicians and students of all ages with a beautiful space to learn and play.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebeca Mauleón".

Rebeca Mauleón
SFJAZZ Director of Education
& Community Engagement

“This is an institution that understands where jazz comes from, and it will be a pleasure to see where it goes.”

—DOWNBEAT

Family Matinees



“The coolest kiddie show.”

—RED TRICYCLE

Family Matinee at SFJAZZ

Both fun and educational, Family Matinees provide a window into the exciting world of live jazz. Each one-hour matinee features live performance, audience participation, Q&A, and amazing music. Enjoyed individually or as a series, these Family Matinees will change the way you hear jazz and get families playing and singing together.

Be sure to grab your tickets for the Spring Family Matinees soon. Many shows will sell out!



Tiffany Austin: Music is the Magic

SEP 13 SAT • 11AM MINER

Join celebrated vocalist Tiffany Austin and her stellar ensemble for a joyful exploration of the transformative power of song. Beyond its aesthetic beauty, music can soothe the nervous system and the soul, chronicle a history, unite community, and take us beyond the world we know. From lullabies to freedom songs to jazz songs and so much more, we'll traverse the magic of music!

Adults \$20 | Youth & Seniors \$10

Andre Thierry: Accordion Soul Music

OCT 18 SAT • 11AM MINER

Accordion virtuoso Andre Thierry blends traditional and contemporary compositions, immersing participants in Creole culture and the vibrant sounds of Zydeco, a distinctive music from Southwest Louisiana. Thierry's "Are You Ready to Learn" program explores the rich tapestry of African and Native American Blues and French Creole dance melodies with Afro-Caribbean influences. Experience the joy of iconic Zydeco music and witness the blending of the washboard, drums, and accordions!

Adults \$20 | Youth & Seniors \$10

Coming in Spring of 2026:

FEB 21 • Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir

MAR 14 • Stella Heath Sings Ella Fitzgerald

APR 4 • Alphabet Rockers

MAY 16 • Marcus Shelby New Orchestra feat. Skylar Tang

The Queen's Cartoonists: Ages 2 to 102!

NOV 22 SAT • 11AM MINER

The remarkable New York-based ensemble The Queen's Cartoonists performs the indelible music from animation's golden age synchronized to screenings of classic cartoons from the 1930s-50s as well as gems from the present day. Combining hilarious anecdotes about the cartoons and composers along with stream-of-consciousness wit and physical comedy, the group breathes fresh life into these beloved shorts. Watch your favorite classic cartoon characters interact with the musicians on stage and expect the unexpected!

Adults \$20 | Youth & Seniors \$10

Adam Shulman + SF Girls Chorus: Charlie Brown Holiday

DEC 20 SAT • 11AM MINER

An annual tradition at SFJAZZ for Bay Area jazz fans of all ages, pianist Adam Shulman reprises his tribute to Bay Area jazz legend Vince Guaraldi and his beloved soundtrack to Charles Schulz's 1965 holiday classic, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Shulman's stellar trio will be joined on stage by members of the fabulous San Francisco Girls Chorus. Join us for a joyful look and listen back as we get grooving and swinging to favorites including "Linus and Lucy" and "Christmas is Coming," and celebrate the holidays with the entire family!

Adults \$20 | Youth & Seniors \$10



Members of the SFJAZZ High School All-Stars

The SFJAZZ High School All-Stars is a pre-professional training program for advanced musicians from the greater Bay Area. These young artists display a technical brilliance and musical maturity rarely seen in the youth ensemble arena. Each year the students perform, record, travel and participate in national festivals and competitions, and receive training and mentorship from leading jazz artists. For their annual winter concert, the All-Stars present an exciting program of swinging holiday favorites to contemporary repertoire along with stunning original works by the band members themselves. Come witness the next generation of jazz ambassadors and support these amazing young musicians!

SFJAZZ High School All-Stars



Watch all High School All-Star concerts live online at
SFJAZZ.ORG/LIVE, Facebook or Youtube — you won't miss a beat!

Winter Concert

DEC 7 SUN • 12PM MINER

Students \$10 | General \$20

“The All-Stars are some of the most talented and committed young players I’ve ever had a chance to work with.”

—SAXOPHONIST MIGUEL ZENÓN

SFJAM

Free Community Jam Sessions!



SFJAM session in the Joe Henderson Lab

These monthly open jam sessions provide a space for all Bay Area musicians to come together and perform in an inclusive, multigenerational setting. Each session features a musical director and curated repertoire. We invite musicians of all levels and ages to sign up, and each session is free and open to the public - no reservations or tickets needed to attend!

Mondays, 7-9PM JHL

SEP 15 ▶ Kasey Knudsen: Happy Birthday Cannonball

OCT 13 ▶ Kristen Strom: Tenor Madness

NOV 10 ▶ Tiffany Austin: Etta James/Etta Jones

DEC 15 ▶ Tammy L. Hall: Celebrate the Hall-i-days

JAN 26 ▶ Kasey Knudsen: Rhythm & Blues Changes

Note: Space is limited; musicians please sign up at **SFJAZZ.ORG/SFJAM**

In Partnership: SFJAZZ and SFCM



RJAM Side-By-Side

SFJAZZ is proud to partner with the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and its Roots, Jazz & American Music (RJAM) program, linking a world-class conservatory to the award-winning SFJAZZ Center and its resident all-star ensemble, the SFJAZZ Collective.

New Visions

NOV 14 FRI • 7:30PM JHL

Side-By-Side concerts pair select faculty from the Roots, Jazz and American Music (RJAM) program at The San Francisco Conservatory of Music with their young artist protégés. The stellar faculty cast includes the SFJAZZ Collective's Warren Wolf, David Sanchez, Edward Simon and Matt Wilson, along with luminaries Marcus Printup, Matt Wilson, Helen Sung and many others.

Students \$10 | General \$20



Quincy Jones

Discover Jazz

Live music featuring special guests each week along with curated media playlists and Q&A make Discover Jazz the Bay Area's new favorite Thursday evening hang!

The Many Sides Of Quincy Jones

OCT 30, NOV 6, 13, 20 THU • 7-8:30PM JHL

For over seven decades, Quincy Delight Jones Jr. defied the limitations of artistic label and category, lending his genius as a producer, composer, arranger and visionary to the worlds of jazz, pop music, television, film and so much more. In this series we celebrate the many milestones of Q's illustrious career, from his early years as a stalwart big band arranger to his numerous collaborations in the worlds of pop, film and TV soundtracks and beyond. Join guitarist and host Terrence Brewer for a fascinating deep dive into Jones' musical legacy!

CLASS 1 • OCT 30 ▶ **Big Bands & Beyond** featuring SFJAZZ Collective members David Sánchez (sax), Edward Simon (piano), Matt Brewer (bass) & Natalie John (trumpet/vocals).

CLASS 2 • NOV 6 ▶ **Hollywood Swingin'** featuring Rob Dehlinger (trumpet/vocals), Joshi Marshall (sax), Colin Hogan (keys), Ruth Davies (bass) and Deszon Claiborne (drums).

CLASS 3 • NOV 13 ▶ **Pop Idols** featuring Amy Dabalos (vocals), Kristen Strom (sax), Tammy L. Hall (piano), Gary Brown (bass) and Daria Johnson (drums).

CLASS 4 • NOV 20 ▶ **From Jazz to Hip-Hop** featuring MC and artist-activist Aïma The Dreamer, James Mahone (sax), Kevin Wong (keys), Steve Hogan (bass) and Daria Johnson (drums/vocals).

Members \$100 | Public \$130 (4-class series)—Save when you purchase the entire series!

Members \$30 | Public \$35 (per class)

Terrence Brewer, Instructor

“Positive energy, important context and incredible performance.”

—DISCOVER JAZZ PATRON

Digital Lab Program

For Older Teens & Adults

IN-PERSON
WORKSHOPS
AT SFJAZZ!



Digital Lab with Pablo Quintero, Instructor

Our In-Person Digital Lab class series resumes at the SFJAZZ Center! Small boutique music production classes with top shelf instructors covering Beat Making, Audio Production, Arranging, Recording, Mixing, Ableton Live and Logic Pro. Take your projects to the next level with the Digital lab series.



Multi Track Recording

SEP 13 SAT • 11AM-1PM JHL

Join acclaimed recording engineer and producer Heidi Trefethen for an insightful class at the SFJAZZ Center covering the basics of recording instruments and vocals in home and professional studio environments. Heidi will discuss different microphone types, illustrate best practices for audio signal flow, mic placement, and audio editing techniques to get your studio recordings sounding great. A great class to begin the journey into audio recording.

Members \$60 | Public \$70

Heidi Trefethen, Instructor

Songwriter Production Masterclass

NOV 22 SAT • 11AM-1PM JHL

Learn the craft of songwriting at SFJAZZ! This seminar is designed for musicians of all levels who are eager to dive into the world of songwriting and studio technology. This new workshop at the SFJAZZ Center will delve into song structure, melody and harmony creation, music production and mixing. Whether you're a beginner looking to hone your skills or an experienced musician seeking new techniques, this class offers valuable insights and practical knowledge to improve your songwriting process.

Members \$60 | Public \$70

Pablo Quintero, Instructor

Intro to Audio Production

OCT 18 SAT • 11AM-1PM JHL

In this introductory course at the SFJAZZ Center, students will get an overview into the latest in recording equipment, microphones and home studio setup, as well as a hands-on intro to audio and MIDI editing and the basics of mixing and working with audio effects. Jef will also give an in-depth comparison of the most popular recording production software including Garage Band, Logic, and Ableton Live. This is an excellent introduction to digital music production with acclaimed musician, producer, and DJ Jef Stott..

Members \$60 | Public \$70

Jef Stott, Instructor

Live Looping

DEC 20 SAT • 11AM-1PM JHL

Join composer, performer, and multi-instrumentalist Daniel Berkman at the SFJAZZ Center as he discusses and demonstrates the technical wizardry behind live looping and creating spontaneous compositions live on stage. In Daniel's recorded work and performances, he builds looping compositions live using kora (African harp), guitars, analog synths and digital percussion. A fascinating process that yields beautiful musical results.

Members \$60 | Public \$70

Daniel Berkman, Instructor

No experience required. Open to all levels. Apps used: Garage Band, Logic, Ableton Live. Software not required to attend.

*A small number of computers will be available by advanced reservation only.
Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops, headphones and instruments.*

Check our website for class schedule and descriptions.



From field trips to our unique SFJAZZ Center Auditorium, to hands-on learning in their very own classrooms with jazz professionals, our School Programs give students access to jazz's critical history.

School Day Concerts

Free performances tailored to students in grades K-12 with leading jazz artists and educators at the SFJAZZ Center's beautiful Miner Auditorium and direct to public schools. Students experience jazz in all its forms, explore how the African Diaspora shaped our musical landscape, participate in a highly interactive environment, and learn how jazz is alive, relevant and continuing to thrive today!

Jazz in the Middle (JIM)

Sends jazz musicians and poets into public middle school classrooms to unlock the history of jazz from a social, historical, and creative perspective.

Jazz in Session (JIS)

Collaborates with schools in strengthening existing music instruction programs by making jazz education accessible to the Bay Area public school community.

Rising Stars

Provides free year-round private lessons for aspiring middle and high school jazz musicians and supports their development with life-changing mentorship.

Truth Tellers (NEW!)

Utilizes creative writing and spoken word performance as a means to empower the next generation of Jazz Poets to interpret the world on their terms.

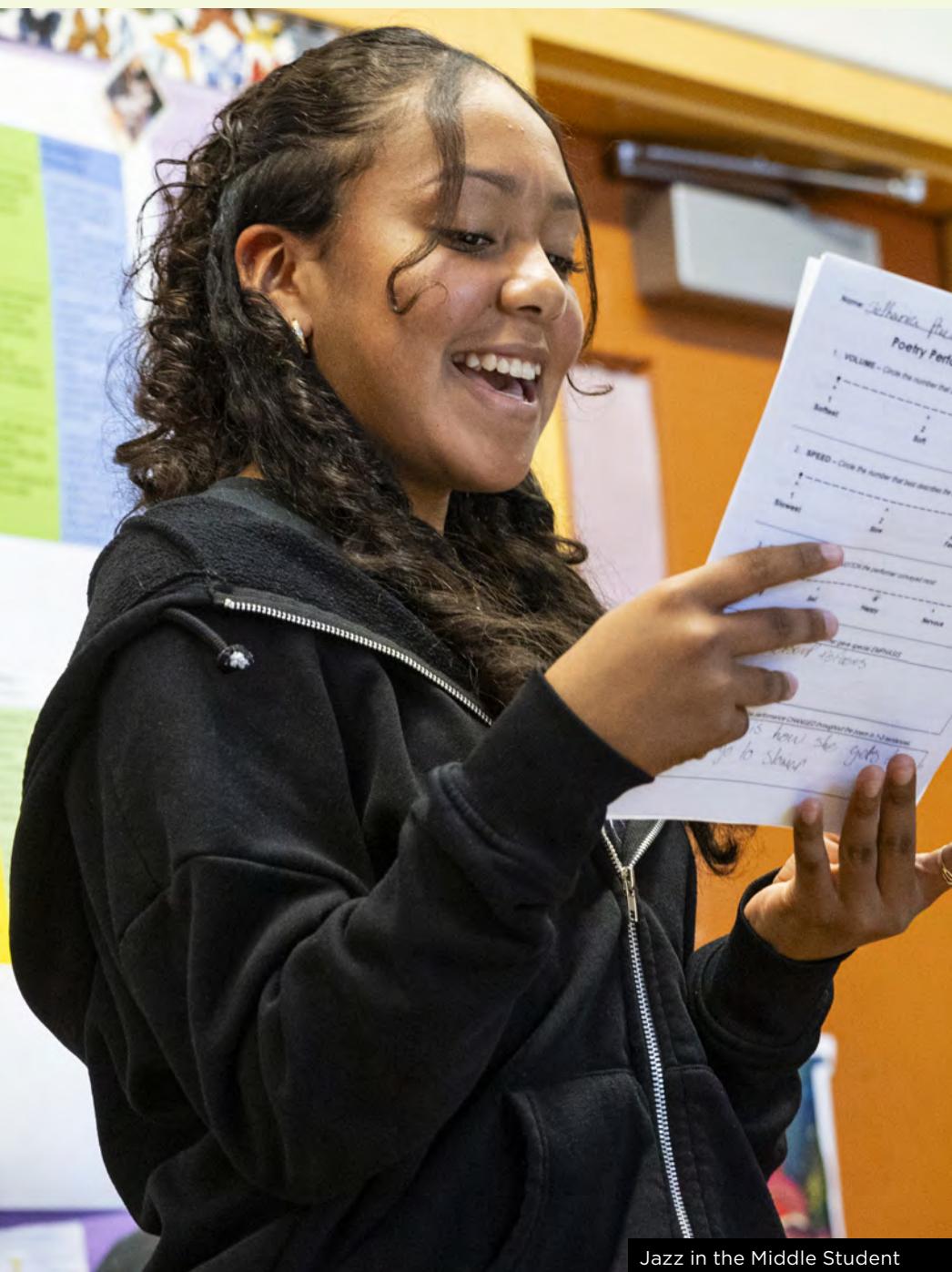
For more information, please contact: schoolprograms@sfjazz.org

Our School Programs

- ▶ Reach thousands of students across the Bay Area
- ▶ Donate thousands of SFJAZZ Center concert tickets to schools and community groups each year
- ▶ Provide students and educators special access to select interactive soundchecks, rehearsals, concerts, and professional development workshops

Educators: SFJAZZ is pleased to offer exclusive access to our multi-faceted and culturally rich curriculum materials, exciting video content, including performances and masterclasses, lesson plans and more to K-12 schools. Sign up for your free access today by visiting: sfjazz.org/education

SFJAZZ School Programs



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