

ACES

SUMMER JAZZ

Workshop

Artistic Staff

Rodney Whitaker

Director, ACES Summer Jazz Workshop

Rodney Whitaker, associate professor of double bass and director of jazz studies at the Michigan State University College of Music, as well as Music Director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Jazz Ensembles since 2004, is a Michigan treasure and one of the world's renowned Jazz bass performers and educators.



A Detroit native, he grew up in the city soaking in the sounds of jazz and classical music and working with the finest musicians. He completed a seven-year tenure as bassist with Wynton Marsalis' Sextet and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and has toured the world over the last 20 years, collaborating with many of the greatest jazz legends.

He has appeared and presented master classes at the International Association of Jazz Educators conferences and is featured on over 100 film and studio recordings.

Kristopher Johnson

Assistant Director, ACES Summer Jazz Workshop

Kristopher Johnson is the Assistant Director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic Jazz Ensembles. Kris has a bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies and a Master's Degree in Music Composition from Michigan State University.



Kris has performed with many jazz greats including Rodney Whitaker, Wes Anderson, Jon Hendricks, and the MSU Professors of Jazz. He has also performed at the 2002 Idlewild Jazz Festival with his own quintet, with the Marcus Belgrave Trumpet Summit at the 2003 Detroit Ford International Jazz Festival, and with the Gerald Wilson Orchestra and the Jonathan Dixon Quintet at the 2005 Detroit Ford International Jazz Festival.

What

Now in its' third year, the ACES Summer Jazz Workshop provides an excellent training environment for young jazz musicians. The workshop focuses on individual playing technique, improv skills and ensemble playing, providing each student with the tools and experience needed to further "their chops" as a jazz musician.

When

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

- June 12th, 19th, 26th
- July 10th, 17th, 24th

Concert

- July 25th @ 7:00 P.M.

Where

Orchestra Hall
Detroit, MI

Cost

\$150 per student

Limited enrollment

Enrollment Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Instrument _____ Years Played _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Private Instructor _____

Have you previously attended an ACES Summer Jazz Workshop?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, when _____

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