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School of Music

presents the

JMU Jazz Band
Greg Thomas, Director
JMU Jazz Ensemble
Chuck Dotas, Director

with

Guest Artist Jeff Coffin, Saxophone

Monday, October 6, 2025 7:30 pm Concert Hall



There will be one 15-minute intermission.

Program - JMU Jazz Band

Doozy Benny Carter

Luke Jacobson, piano Blake Downs, bass trombone Stuart Murphy, tenor sax Preston Davis, clarinet Valerie Alverado, clarinet Kaleb Ellett, drums

Social Call

Gigi Gryce/Jon Hendricks arr. Scott Arcangel

Ginny Bruno, vocals Julien Euvrard, piano Jackson Frease, trombone

Working in the Coal Mine

Allen Toussaint arr. E. Peterson

Spencer Hoisington, bari sax Thomas Murphy, trombone Josh Wiseman, tenor sax Radley Hoffman, vibes Luke Jacobson, piano Jeff Coffin, tenor sax

Move Your Rug

Jeff Coffin arr. R. Middaugh

John Rosario Cruz, alto sax Logan Garrison, tenor sax Julien Euvrard, piano Luke Jacobson, piano Christian Wilson, trombone Jeff Coffin, saxophone

Jazz Band Personnel

Woodwinds

Valerie Alvarado, clarinet Preston Davis, clarinet Tyler Huffstetler, alto sax (lead) John Rosario Cruz, alto sax Stuart Murphy, tenor sax Joshua Wiseman, tenor sax Logan Garrison, tenor sax Spencer Hoisington, bari sax

Trumpets

Ayden Suber, (lead) Gogo Keegan Nate Domine Will Peters Emerson Camat Edward Hadden

Trombones

Jackson Frease, lead Thomas Murphy Eli Marshall Christian Wilson Blake Downs, (bass) James Wilson (bass)

Rhythm Section

Luke Jacobson, piano/keyboard
Julien Euvrard, piano/keyboard
Jack Comer, guitar
Kiki Protopsaltis, bass
Zion Ortiz, bass
James Higgins, drums, percussion
Kaleb Ellett, drums, percussion
Radley Hoffman, vibes/percussion

Vocals

Virginia Bruno

Program - JMU Jazz Ensemble

Crooked Frame

Tomas Fujiwara arr. Chuck Dotas

Aaron Myran, guitar David Barredo, tenor sax

Tonight's program with Jeff Coffin will be selected from the following:

Weird Beard

Jeff Coffin

arr. David Joyner

Adam Army, alto sax Teague Jenkins, trombone Lyra Ward, trombone Jeff Coffin, tenor sax

Into the Grove

Jeff Coffin

arr. Bob Washut

Ryan Leith, piano Chris Atkinson, flugelhorn Jeff Coffin, alto sax

Wobble

Jeff Coffin arr. Brett Zvacek

Luke Lerner, alto sax Levi Markle, trombone Jeff Coffin, tenor sax

Dewey

Jeff Coffin arr. Michael Jenner

Liam Meadows, trumpet Sean Wyatt, tenor sax Alexander Lau, bari sax Ben Ellwood, trombone Jeff Coffin, tenor sax

Two Bass Hit

Dizzy Gillespie, John Lewis arr. Jacob Minks

Aaron Myran, guitar Taylor Treece, piano Jacob Minks, bass Jeff Coffin, tenor sax Braden Watts, drums

Jazz Ensemble Personnel

Woodwinds

Ian Graff, clarinet
Luke Lerner, alto sax (lead)
Adam Army, alto/soprano sax
David Barredo, tenor sax
Sean Wyatt, tenor sax
Alexander Lau, bari sax

Trumpets

Jamie Johnson (lead) Chris Atkinson Liam Meadows Daniel Huggins

Trombones

Teague Jenkins (lead) Ben Ellwood Levi Markle Lyra Ward Gavin Ray Torrence, bass

Rhythm Section

Taylor Treece, piano Ryan Leith, piano Aaron Myran, guitar Jacob Minks, bass Braden Watts, drums Radley Hofmann, vibraphone

Jeff Coffin

Jeff Coffin is a three time Grammy Award winning saxophonist and composer who has earned international acclaim for his work with the Dave Matthews Band and Béla Fleck & the Flecktones, as well as his 23+ solo projects. Coffin's approach to the saxophone is marked by a fearless sense of exploration, fusing elements of jazz, funk, world music, and rock into a style that is uniquely his own.

In addition to his work as a performer, Coffin is deeply committed to music education, teaching at Vanderbilt University and presenting well over 400 workshops and clinics around the globe. He is also the founder of the independent record label Ear Up Records and co-founder of AfricaNashville - which promotes cross cultural relationships between celebrated African and American artists in Nashville, TN. Jeff Coffin is a Yamaha Performing Artist & Clinician, a Boston Sax Shop Ambassador, & a JodyJazz Artist.

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