



The UAA Department of Music sponsors Jazz Festival

Annual festival will feature trumpeter Keith Karns, percussionist Zach Compston and keyboardist Tony Martin.

ANCHORAGE – The UAA Department of Music will present its 31st Annual Jazz Festival, March 7-10, 2018.

Keith Karns is a trumpet player, arranger, and bandleader based in Dallas Texas. Keith has worked with some of the nation's leading voices in jazz including Rich Perry, Greta Matassa, Victor Barranto (U.S. Army Blues), Lauren Sevian (Mingus Big Band), and Stefon Harris. Keith has been the recipient of awards from ASCAP, Downbeat Magazine, and the Jazz Education Network (JEN). Keith is the Artistic Coordinator for the jazz division of the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, and runs the jazz department at North Central Texas College.

Zach Compston is the Director, Education, and Community Engagement of Jazz Arts Group Columbus, America's oldest jazz advocacy group. Zach is a highly regarded drummer, percussionist, and music educator. He has played with Andrea Bocelli, Pete Mills, Vaughn Wiester's Famous Jazz Orchestra, and the Latin Jazz Collective. Zach is a guest artist at the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival where he teaches drum set and directs the Afro-Cuban band.

Tony Martin is currently Program Assistant & Veteran Intern for the William Joiner Institute, for the Study of War and Social Consequences at University of Massachusetts Boston. In addition, Tony is an active pianist and musical director for several churches on the east coast. Tony Martin last performed for Jazz Week 2003 with pianist and organist, Carl Preacher.

Jazz Performance:

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 pm Recital Hall

Alaska Jazz Workshop Jazz Combos

Donation at the door

Jazz Performance:

Thursday, March 8, 6:00 pm Arts 124

Master Class with guest artists featuring UAA Student Combos

FREE

Jazz Performance:

Friday, March 9, 7:30 pm Recital Hall

UAA Jazz Combos with guest artists

Tickets: ArtsUAA.com

No reserved seating

Jazz Performance:

Saturday, March 10, 7:30 pm Recital Hall

Gruening Middle School, UAA Jazz Combos with guest artists

Tickets: ArtsUAA.com

No reserved seating

For more information about daily workshops (March 9 & 10), or to arrange interviews with the artists, contact Professor Karen Strid-Chadwick at 786-1684 or ksstridchadwick@alaska.edu.