

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4 HART PLAZA

CARHARTT AMPHITHEATER STAGE

- 6:15–6:25 p.m.** Dr. Valade's Brass Band Featuring Shannon Powell ●
- 7:00–8:15 p.m.** Miles Electric Band
- 9:15–10:15 p.m.** 2026 Artist-In-Residence Joe Lovano's Paramount Quartet, featuring Julian Lage, Asante Sante Debriano, Will Calhoun

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5 HART PLAZA

CARHARTT AMPHITHEATER STAGE

- 1:15–2:15 p.m.** Collegiate Combo Winner LoEnd Quintet
- 3:00–4:00 p.m.** Jeffrey Trent ●
- 4:45–6:00 p.m.** AFRICAN RHYTHMS ALUMNI QUINTET "Celebrating the Centennial of Dr. Randy Weston" T.K. Blue – saxophone/flute/musical director; Chief Baba Neil Clarke – percussion; Alex Blake – bass; Ku-umba Frank Lacy – trombone; Sharp Radway – piano
- 7:00–8:15 p.m.** Ravi Coltrane Quartet: Centennial Celebration
- 9:15–10:30 p.m.** Kurt Elling & Yellowjackets Celebrate Weather Report

JPMORGANCHASE STAGE

- 3:15–4:15 p.m.** Borderland Ensemble ●
- 5:00–6:00 p.m.** Skyler Tang
- 6:45–8:00 p.m.** Jill Opal & The Bill Meyer Group ●
- 8:45–10:00 p.m.** Bob James

WATERFRONT STAGE

- 2:30–3:45 p.m.** University of Michigan Jazz Ensemble directed by Professor Kris Johnson and University of Michigan Jazz Trombone Ensemble directed by Professor Dennis Wilson
- 4:45–6:00 p.m.** Vermilion Field (Takatsuki Jazz Street Representative Band)
- 7:00–8:15 p.m.** Cyrille Aimée
- 9:00–10:15 p.m.** Artemis

● Detroit Signature Series Artists presented by Rocket Companies

Hart Plaza gates open at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

All performances are subject to change.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6 HART PLAZA

CARHARTT AMPHITHEATER STAGE

- 1:15–2:15 p.m.** Downbeat Blindfold Test with Special Guest Joe Lovano
- 3:00–4:00 p.m.** The Search: Echoes of the Fallen, tribute to Karim Gideon ●
- 4:45–6:00 p.m.** Gabrielle Cavassa
- 7:00–8:15 p.m.** 2026 Artist-In-Residence Joe Lovano and Dave Douglas Quintet: Sound Prints Featuring: Lawrence Fields, Yasushi Nakamura and Rudy Royston
- 9:15–10:30 p.m.** Take 6

JPMORGANCHASE STAGE

- 1:15–2:15 p.m.** J.C. Heard JazzWeek All Stars featuring the 2026 Youth Jazz Vocal Competition Winner Ava Noecker ●
- 3:15–4:15 p.m.** Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet ●
- 4:45–6:00 p.m.** Catherine Russell
- 6:45–8:00 p.m.** Sequoia "REDWOOD" Snyder and INNER KNOWING ●
- 8:45–10:00 p.m.** Dee Dee Bridgewater with Bill Charlap ●

WATERFRONT STAGE

- 1:45–2:45 p.m.** Wayne State University "Jazz Warriors" Big Band directed by Professor Vincent Chandler and Wayne State University Advanced Vocal Jazz Quartet directed by Cayla Stus
- 3:30–4:40 p.m.** Luca Ciarla solOrkestra
- 5:20–6:30 p.m.** 2026 Legacy Artist: Jaribu Shahid Salute to the AACM ●
- 7:15–8:25 p.m.** Instant Alter featuring Natasha Agrama Clarke and Emilio Modeste
- 9:10–10:25 p.m.** Vijay Iyer Trio with special guest, Adam O'Farrill

MONDAY, SEPT. 7 HART PLAZA

CARHARTT AMPHITHEATER STAGE

- 2:00–3:10 p.m.** Himiko Kikuchi Tottori Young Lions Trio
- 4:00–5:10 p.m.** Cindy Blackman Santana
- 6:00–7:30 p.m.** Coltrane 100 – 2026 Artist-In-Residence Joe Lovano, Melissa Aldana, Nduduzo Makathini, Linda May Han Oh, Jeff "Tain" Watts Both Directions at Once

JPMORGANCHASE STAGE

- 1:45–2:45 p.m.** Teiku ●
- 3:30–4:45 p.m.** Roberta Gambarini and the Detroit Jazz Festival Orchestra ●
- 5:15–6:30 p.m.** Joey Alexander Trio

WATERFRONT STAGE

- 1:00–2:00 p.m.** Michigan State University Jazz Orchestral "The Bebop Spartans" directed by Professor Rodney Whitaker
- 3:00–4:15 p.m.** The Django Festival Allstars Featuring Samson Schmitt, Ludovic Beier, Pierre Blanchard with Special Guest Grace Kelly
- 5:00–6:15 p.m.** Ron Carter & Foursight ●

GRETCHEN C. VALADE JAZZ CENTER WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Detroit Jazz Hall and Dee Dee Bridgewater's are located inside the Gretchen C. Valade Jazz Center at Wayne State University, 4743 Cass Ave. in Midtown, 2½ miles north of Hart Plaza.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

Detroit Jazz Hall (Entrance on Hancock) Doors 9:30 p.m.

- 10:45 p.m.**– Tia Fuller featuring Shamie Fuller-Royston –
- 12:00 a.m.** "Fuller Sound" (*Midtown After Hours Special*)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

Detroit Jazz Hall (Entrance on Hancock) Doors 10:30 a.m. / 3:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Break / No Programming / Doors 9:30 p.m. (*Midtown After Hours Special*)

- 11:30 a.m.**– High School Showcase – Grosse Ile High School Jazz Band, Midland High School Jazz Band, University of Detroit Jazz Orchestra, Troy Athens High School Jazz Band, Northview High School Jazz Ensemble

- 10:45 p.m.**– Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio
- 12:00 a.m.** (*Midtown After Hours Special*)

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- 10:45 p.m.**– LoEnd Quintet featuring guest vocalists
- 12:00 a.m.**

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- 11:30 a.m.**– High School Showcase – Taylor High School Jazz Band, Utica High School Jazz Band, Jackson Northwest High School Jazz Band, Northville High School Jazz Ensemble, Meridian High School Jazz Ensemble

- 10:45 p.m.**– Nduduzo Makhathini (*Midtown After Hours Special*)
- 12:00 a.m.**

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- 10:45 p.m.**– LoEnd Quintet featuring guest vocalists
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- 11:30 a.m.**– Detroit Public Schools Community District Jazz
- 2:30 p.m.** Showcase + Tottori Jazz Mission International Jam

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