

The Texas Instruments Jazz Band

In June of 1986 a summer co-op student placed a small ad in the TI company newspaper the "Dallasite." It said simply "jazz musicians wanted for big band." Within a couple of weeks there was enough response to put together the first rehearsal. The band partnered with the newly formed Collin County Community College, which opened its first campus in McKinney that same year.

The Texas Instruments Jazz Band is a non-profit organization chartered through the Texins Association at TI. Members consist of current, former, and retired TI employees supplemented with a few guests as needed.

The band has hosted a jazz museum's worth of great guest artists over the years—Clark Terry, Kurt Elling, Delfeayo Marsalis, Peter Erskine, Randy Brecker, Gregg Bissonette, Lorraine Feather, Kevin Mahogany, Frank Mantooth, Bobby Militello, Denis DiBlasio, Chris Vadala, Bobby Shew, Carol Welsman, and Marvin Stamm, to name a few.

In 1995 the band garnered a Superior rating in performance and sight reading at the Loyola Jazz Festival in New Orleans. In 2000 they packed up and headed to Switzerland to perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival. That same year the band released their first CD "Jazz Bytes—Version 1.0." The band released their second CD "AlgoRhythm" in 2006.

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May 17th, 2008

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TI Jazz Band Roster

Director

Kris Berg - Director of Jazz Studies at the Collin College in Plano; B.M./M.M. from UNT in Jazz Studies; composer/ arranger for Belwin Music (Alfred Publishing); owns a TI calculator

Saxes

Paul Westbrook (President) - B.S. Mechanical Engineering; Senior Member of Technical Staff; Sustainable Development Manager; 25+ years at TI
Ron Alexander - B.S. Math, Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering; HPA Audio / Imaging Products Group; 22+ years at TI
Gerry Burnham - Ph.D. Electrical Engineering; Senior Member of the Technical Staff; retired from TI; Associate Dean of the Jonsson School of Engineering at UTD
Pavel Krocak - M.S. Electrical Engineering; Product Engineer, 21+ years at TI
Tom Hilbun (Equipment Manager) - B.S. Chemical Engineering; left TI after 6 years and became a patent attorney; spouse is still at TI

Trombones

John Bush - Formerly in HR Systems at TI for 4+ years
J.R. Hutto - Sr. Electronics Technician; DLP® Characterization Team; 22+ yrs at TI
Harold Davis - B.S. Electrical Engineering; Design Engineer, Battery Management Group; 8+ years at TI
Marshall Capps (Treasurer) - B.S. in Computer Engineering; TI DLP® Products organization; Member Group Technical Staff and P.E.; 4+ years at TI
Don Myers (Librarian) – Guest member; B.A. Communications; Audio Technician

Trumpets

Bennett Scott - Former Senior Member of the Technical Staff at TI; currently at Raytheon; one of 2 remaining founding band members
Jeff Leinbaugh – Coop student at TI working in Algorithm Development; student at UTD majoring in Electrical Engineering
Dennis Doane (Publicity Manager) - Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff; DLP® Test; 21+ years at TI
Fred Marinko - Guest member; owner/founder of Graytex Papers

Rhythm

Frank LoCraso (bass) - Guest member
Scott Clemons (piano) - Software Engineer; spouse of a TI employee
Stan Woodward (drums) - Guest member; keeps retiring from day jobs to play in the band

Program (to be selected from)

Johnny's Theme

By Paul Anka & Johnny Carson; Arr. John Higgins

I Mean You

By Thelonius Monk & Coleman Hawkins; Arr. Mike Tomaro

Hunting Wabbits

By Gordon Goodwin

Pink Panther

By Henry Mancini; Arr. Roy Phillippe

Cantaloupe Island

By Herbie Hancock; Arr. Mike Kamuf

Haitian Fight Song

By Charles Mingus; Arr. Sy Johnson

Satin Doll

By Billy Strayhorn, Duke Ellington, & Johnny Mercer;
Arr. Sammy Nestico

Sing, Sing, Sing

By Louis Prima; Arr. Mike Lewis

Special Thanks to:

The staff at the Collin College

Guest pianist Kelly Durbin

Kelly Durbin is a faculty member at The University of Texas at Dallas, where he directs the Jazz Ensemble and teaches classes in music theory, MIDI, jazz history, and jazz keyboard. He holds a Master of Music degree from The University of North Texas College of Music.