

Eastman Jazz Voice Ensemble

Sara Gazarek,
director

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Hatch Recital Hall
7:30 PM



Eastman School of Music

~ PROGRAM ~
Eastman Jazz Voice Ensemble
Sara Gazarek, *director*
Xaden Nishimitsu, *TA*
Amos Landau, *rehearsal pianist*

We Are

(written by Alina Engibaryan)
Lauren Gibson, Lisa Lei, Emi Neri, Luisa Batek (vocals),
Sam Griffin (piano), Thomas Teixeira (bass), Bruno Sanzotti (drums)

Desert Song

(written by säje: Sara Gazarek, Amanda Taylor,
Johnaye Kendrick, and Erin Bentlage)
Harrison Candelario, Leon Chou, LayVon Scott, Caleb McCree (vocals),
Sam Griffin (piano), Thomas Teixeira (bass), Bruno Sanzotti (drums)

Close Your Eyes

(written by Bernice Petkere)
Special guest Ari Sharon (vocals), Caleb McCree (percussion)

Free Treasure

(written by Adrienne Lenker)
Luisa Batek and special guest Lucia Laviolette (vocals),
Julianna Stahl (guitar), Thomas Teixeira (bass)

Misty

(written by Erroll Garner with lyrics by Johnny Burke)
Yaxuan Hong and special guest Naomi Teter (vocals), Sam Griffin (piano),
Thomas Teixeira (bass), Bruno Sanzotti (drums)

No Moon At All

(written by Dave Mann and Redd Evans)
Harrison Candelario (vocals/piano), Thomas Teixeira (bass), special guest
Alexander Polyakovsky (drums)

They Can't Take That Away From Me

(written by George Gershwin with lyrics by Ira Gershwin)
LayVon Scott and Kennah Brackett (vocals), Xaden Nishimitsu (trumpet),
Sam Griffin (piano), Thomas Teixeira (bass), Bruno Sanzotti (drums)

I (Who Have Nothing)

(written by Carlo Donida and Mogol,
with English lyrics by Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller)
Lauren Gibson and LayVon Scott (vocals), Kate Molloy (piano),
Sam Griffin (keys), Julianna Stahl (guitar),
Thomas Teixeira (bass), Austin Snavelly (drums)

The Thought of You

(written by Lauren Gibson)
Lauren Gibson (vocals), Kate Molloy (piano), Sammy McQuaid (guitar),
Thomas Teixeira (bass), Austin Snavelly (drums)s

**The final three selections feature the full
Eastman Jazz Voice Ensemble (personnel listed below).**

Groovin' Hard

(written by Don Menza)

Small group soli: Lauren Gibson, Lisa Lei,
Emi Neri, Caleb McCree, LayVon Scott

SOLOS: Thomas Teixeira (bass), Lisa Lei, Caleb McCree (vocals)

Come Home

(written by Peter Eldridge)

Featuring all EJVE members (vocals)

The List

(written by Amber Navran, Andris Mattson, and Max Bryk of Moonchild)

SOLOS: Sam Griffin (piano), Luisa Batek, Emi Neri,
Lauren Gibson (vocals)

~ PERSONNEL ~

Eastman Jazz Voice Ensemble

Emmaline Colvin (Soprano)

Kennah Brackett (Soprano)

Emi Neri (Soprano)

Juliana Stahl (Soprano/Soprano II)

Lauren Gibson (Alto/Soprano II)

Lisa Lei (Alto)

Yaxuan Hong (Alto)

Luisa Batek (Alto)

Caleb McCree (Tenor)

Harrison Candelario (Tenor)

LayVon Scott (Bass)

Leon Chou (Bass)

Sam Griffin (Piano)

Thomas Teixeira (Bass)

Bruno Sanzotti (Drums)

Sara Gazarek (director)

Xaden Nishimitsu (TA)

Amos Landau (Rehearsal Pianist)

Special Guests

Ari Sharon (Vocals)

Lucia Laviolette (Vocals)

Naomi Teter (Vocals)

Kate Molloy (Piano)

Sammy McQuaid (Guitar)

Alexander Polyakovsky (Drums)

Austin Snavelly (Drums)

Xaden Nishimitsu (Trumpet)

We acknowledge with respect the Seneca Nation, known as the “Great Hill People” and “Keepers of the Western Door” of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. We take this opportunity to thank the people whose ancestral lands the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester currently occupies in Rochester, New York.



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