

Quartet of Happiness

A Theatrical Jazz Experience | Outreach | Education

Mission Statement

The group's mission is to make jazz accessible to a wide-ranging audience. Playing **games**, wearing **costumes**, and engaging the audience with their unique brand of theatrical jazz. Quartet of Happiness' performances are at times reminiscent of a cross between an improv comedy show and a nightclub jazz act. The group has extensive educational experience conducting clinics, workshops, adjudicating festivals and performing as guest artists to all age levels.

Performance in Education

Elementary Schools

2011 Boyden School, Walpole, MA
2011 Elm Street School, Walpole, MA
2011 Fisher School, Walpole, MA
2011 Center Elementary School, Chelmsford, MA
2011 Westwood Elementary School, Westwood, MA
2011 Old Post Road School, East Walpole, MA
2010 Lawrence School, Brookline, MA
2010 Abbot School, Westford, MA
2010 Wellington Elementary School, Belmont, MA
2010 Beginnings School, Weston, MA
2010 Lincoln Elementary School, Melrose, MA
2010 Pierce School, Brookline, MA
2009 Douglas Elementary School, Acton, MA
2009 Mitchell Elementary School, Needham, MA
2009 Town wide elementary school tour – all 8 Framingham, MA elementary schools
2009 Paul Gates Elementary School, Acton, MA
2009 Kings Elementary School, Portland, OR
2009 Lincoln-Basset Elementary, New Haven, CT
2009 Tobin Montessori School, Cambridge, MA
2008, 2009 Achievement First School, Brooklyn, NY
2008 Sisson Elementary School, Lynn, MA
2007 Odyssey Day School, Wakefield, MA

Middle Schools

2011 Dover/Sherborn Middle School, Dover, MA
2009 West Middle School, Nampa, ID
2009 Spencer Butte Middle School, Eugene, OR
2009 Cameron Middle School, Framingham, MA
2008 Hingham Middle School, Hingham, MA
2008 McCarthy Towne School, Acton, MA

High Schools

2010 Lincoln High School, Portland, OR
2009 Skyview High School, Nampa, ID
2009 Nampa High School, Nampa, ID
2009 Eugene South High School, Eugene, OR
2009 Bainbridge High School, Bainbridge Island, WA
2008 Independence High School, Independence, IA
2007 Beacon High School, Brookline, MA
2008 Cedar Rapids Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, IA
2006 Urbandale High School, Urbandale, IA

Colleges and Universities

2011 SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY
2010 Suffolk University, Boston, MA
2009 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2009 Tufts University, Medford, MA
2009 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
2009 Yale University, New Haven, CT
2009 Portland State University, Portland, OR
2009 New England Conservatory, Boston, MA
2008 University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
2006, 2008 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
2006 Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA

Community Music Centers

2009 Ethos Music Center, Portland, OR
2009 Community Music Works, Providence, RI
2008 Zumix, East Boston, MA

Workshops, Clinics and Adjudication

Public Schools, Colleges & Universities, and Music Centers

2011 SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY-improvisation workshops and lessons with Oswego jazz bands/students
2009 Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT – ten workshops with students, grades 4-8
2009 Portland State University, Portland, OR – aural skills class
2008 Oakmont High School, Oakmont, MA – clinic with concert band members
2008 Coe College Jazz Summit, Cedar Rapids, IA – adjudicated middle and high school jazz ensembles
2008 Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids, IA – private lessons/small group improvisation clinic
2008 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA – clinic with jazz studies majors/minors
2008 Zumix Community Music Center, East Boston, MA – workshop with faculty and members of music center
2007 University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL – question and answer session, career development
2006 Cedar Rapids Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, IA – clinic with jazz band members

Festivals

2011 *New Gallery Concert Series*, Community Music Center of Boston, Boston, MA
2010 *Java and Jazz*, Coe College and Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, IA
2010 *Boston Abts Festival*, Boston, MA
2010 *Boomtown Festival*, Cambridge, MA
2009 *Spring into the Arts Festival*, Middlebury, VT
2009 *Creative Nation Music Festival*, Cambridge, MA
2008 *Jazz Night*, Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids, IA
2008 *Newton Wine & Jazz Festival*, Newton, MA
2008 *Boston Music Festival*, Somerville, MA
2008 *East Boston Harborfest*, East Boston, MA
2008 *Jazz Summit*, Cedar Rapids, IA
2007 *Jazz Night*, Reading High School, Reading, MA
2006 *Summer Music Series*, Roxbury Arts Alliance, Succasunna, NJ

Selected Performance Venues

2011, 2010 Scullers Jazz Club, Cambridge, MA
2011 Boston Children's Museum, Boston, MA
2007 Bowery Poetry Club, New York, NY
2006 Cornelia Street Café, New York, NY

Selected Recent Press Features

Boston Globe
Jazz Times
Boston Phoenix
Boston Herald

Discography

2009 The Monster Returns
2006 Quartet of Happiness

Awards and Honors

2008 Ernie Boch Jr. *Musie Drives Us* Grant Recipients
2007 Boston Music Awards Nominee for *Best Jazz Act*

Professional Affiliations

Corporate Sponsorship, David French Music, Westborough, MA

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