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- Series Tickets @ \$440** (9 concerts).
- tickets @ \$60** or **PS @ \$70** Sat., Dec. 28:  
Holiday Concert with Barefield, Nurullah & Friends
- tickets @ \$50** or **PS @ \$60** Sat., Jan. 25:  
Mardi Gras with Alvin Waddles & Fats Waller Review
- tickets @ \$50** or **PS @ \$60** Sat., Feb. 29:  
Honoring Black History Month: Jannina, Jason & Friends
- tickets @ \$50** or **PS @ \$60** Sat., March 28:  
Charlie Parker Centennial with the Jazz Ambassadors
- tickets @ \$50** or **PS @ \$60** Sat., April 18:  
East Meets West Classical: Xiao Dong Wei & Yuki Mack
- tickets @ \$90** or **PS @ \$110** Memorial  
Weekend Festival, May 22-23: Orquesta & Thornetta\*
- tickets @ \$50** or **PS @ \$60** Friday, May 22:  
Orquesta La Inspiracion Memorial Weekend concert\*
- tickets @ \$50** or **PS @ \$60** Saturday, May 23:  
Blues Queen Thornetta Davis Memorial Weekend concert\*
- tickets @ \$50** or **PS @ \$60** Saturday, June 20:  
Dynamic all-women jazz band Straight Ahead (w/Yancyy)\*
- tickets @ \$50** Sat., June 27, Palmer Park Log Cabin  
4 pm or 7 pm: Spencer-Marion-Isis Trio  
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\*May 22-23 and June 20th concerts are held in a spacious tent set up in the garden of a home; you may tour a portion of the home prior to concert. In the case of severe weather, Palmer Woods Music in Homes will move the concert to the beautiful art deco Detroit Unity Temple or another nearby venue. MIH reserves the right to make program changes.

## Saturday, June 20, 8 pm Garden Concert\* Straight Ahead



Photos courtesy of musicians

Out of Detroit's explosive jazz scene comes the ground-breaking Straight Ahead. An ensemble of strong, inventive instrumentalists and vocalists, they are powerful and imaginative composers and arrangers: pianist **Alina Morr**, bassist **Marion Hayden**, drummer **Gayelynn McKinney**,

saxophonist **Yancyy**, and vocalist **Kymerli Wright**.

Grammy-nominated and award-winning, Straight Ahead is Detroit's premier all-female jazz ensemble (with the current addition of Yancyy). Their sound ranges from mainstream to contemporary jazz, Latin to jazzy hip-hop. Members of the Detroit Music Awards Hall of Fame, Straight Ahead was the first all-women jazz ensemble signed to Atlantic Records, which released three of their albums. Together and individually, they've shared the stage with many musical giants, including Geri Allen, Kem, Jean Luc Ponty, Nancy Wilson, Roy Ayers, Tony Bennett, George Duke, Stanley Clarke, Max Roach, Dianne Reeves, Regina Carter, and others. The ensemble received international exposure when they opened for the legendary Nina Simone at the Montreux Jazz Festival, Switzerland.

## Saturday, June 27, 4 pm & 7 pm Palmer Park Log Cabin Spencer-Marion-Isis Trio

Enjoy an afternoon or evening concert with guitarist **A. Spencer Barefield**, bassist **Marion Hayden** and vocalist **Isis Damil** in the magical Palmer Park Log Cabin, one of Detroit's most significant architectural treasures.

Isis, the daughter of jazz musicians, inherited DNA infused with music. She's merged her classical training with jazz, funk, fusion, neo-soul, scat, rap, and R&B to achieve an exquisite voice with depth, richness and passion of someone decades older. Bassist Marion Hayden and guitarist A. Spencer Barefield are international jazz legends with resumes that extend for miles. Their mastery will provide a synergy of sensational sound to this historic landmark.

The Log Cabin, a Victorian-style home on the interior covered with logs on the exterior, was built in 1885 for Sen. Thomas Palmer and his wife Lizzie. It is being restored by the nonprofit People for Palmer Park and the City of Detroit.



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# Holiday Celebration

## SHAHIDA, SPENCER & FRIENDS

Saturday, December 28, 8 pm

**Shahida Nurullah**, one of the Motor City's most treasured vocalists, is the epitome of the great Jazz and Blues that emanate from Detroit. Her vast repertoire includes jazz, blues, samba, bossa nova, show tunes, American Songbook, and Brazilian and New Orleans gems. Her talents have been lauded internationally from the stages of the Detroit Jazz Festival, Preservation Hall, NYC, Paris, Amsterdam, and beyond. Singing in three languages, her lush and upbeat voice is reminiscent of the classic styles of Sarah Vaughan and Carmen McRae. It is steeped in the musical nuances acquired through years of performing with luminaries such as Geri Allen, Marcus Belgrave, Charlie Gabriel, Donald Walden, and others.

Guitarist **A. Spencer Barefield** reflects Detroit's great musical legacy. The artistic director of Music in Homes is "an extraordinary guitarist/composer" according to *JazzTimes*. He has performed extensively throughout Europe and the U.S. with legends Roscoe Mitchell, Lester Bowie, Oliver Lake, and Reggie Workmen, to name a few. A Kresge Arts Fellow, and recipient of numerous grants for composing, he recently was awarded support from the prestigious Knight Foundation.

Pianist supreme, Kresge Arts Fellow **Pamela Wise**, bassist **Jeff Pedraz** and drummer **Djallo Djakate** will help create the holiday spirit with Shahida and Spencer. The festivities include a delicious meal, gourmet desserts, and sparkling wine for a pre-New Year's Eve toast.



Pamela Wise



John-Paul Norpoth



Jannina Norpoth



Alvin Waddles with Marion Hayden and John Douglas

### Saturday, January 25, 8 pm Mardi Gras Celebration: Alvin Waddles & Fats Waller Review

Experience an evening of rich jazz history when master pianist/vocalist **Alvin Waddles** plays the music of stride and ragtime legends Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton, Cab Calloway, the Gershwin brothers, and other greats. Widely popular for his central roles in *Ain't Misbehavin'* and *Too Hot to Handel*, Waddles will tickle the ivories with his dynamic ensemble: bassist **Marion Hayden**, trumpeter **John Douglas** and percussionist **Djallo Djakate**. Waddles has worked with some of the world's finest musicians, including Robert Shaw, Brazael Dennard, Aretha Franklin, Anita Baker, Placido Domingo, George Shirley, Marcus Belgrave, Tramaine Hawkins, and others. To get into the spirit, masks, beads, and Mardi Gras attire are encouraged. During intermission, fill your plate with creole-style favorites—jambalaya, red beans, rice, and corn bread.

### Saturday, February 29, 8 pm Classical & Beyond Honoring Black History Month Jannina Norpoth, Jason Amos & Friends

Violinist **Jannina Norpoth** and violist **Jason Amos**, both internationally acclaimed classical artists and members of the Sphinx Symphony Orchestra, will perform a Detroit Homecoming concert in tribute to great Black composers and musicians. For a portion of the concert, guitarist **A. Spencer Barefield** and bassist **John-Paul Norpoth** will join the duo with a world premiere of a new Barefield composition commissioned with the support of the Knight Foundation.

The concert celebrates chamber music that highlights the legacy of Black composers, including works by Jessie Montgomery, George Walker, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, and others. Jannina is a member of Grammy-nominated PUBLIQuartet, the 2016-17 Artists-in-Residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Chamber Music America's 2019 Visionary Artists. She debuted as a soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at age 14 and since then has built a career as an innovative artist, performer, arranger, and educator.



Jason Amos

Jason has served as violist of the Boston Public Quartet and resident musician at musiConnects, a non-profit that provides free instruments and music education to Boston's underserved children. He is also a faculty member at Project STEP, an intensive training program for minority string players. John-Paul has performed with many great jazz, classical, and avant garde music stars, including Pauline Kim Harris, Tyshawn Sorey, Bang-on-a-Can, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, and numerous others.

Jannina photo by Lelanie Foster, Jason photo by Kate Lemmon



Trunino Lowe

### Saturday, March 28, 8 pm Jazz Ambassadors Charlie 'Bird' Parker Centennial

This concert will honor Charlie "Bird" Parker, one of the most influential innovators of Jazz and BeBop, a master of improvisation, and brilliant composer. The program will feature classic jazz by Parker and others who were inspired by him, including new works by A. Spencer Barefield (with support from the Knight Foundation). The ensemble includes saxophonist **Rafael Statin**, guitarist **A. Spencer Barefield**, trumpeter **Trunino Lowe**, bassist **Brian Juarez**, and drummer **Everett Reid**.

New Music America describes Rafael as "one of those rarest of multi-instrumentalist who can combine great passion, intellectual discipline, and a spiritual fire that is evocative of great artistic creativity ... [he's] established himself as a remarkable composer and musician..." Rafael has performed with legendary bassist Reggie Workman (who performed and recorded with John Coltrane), Bob Hurst, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Marcus Belgrave and many other greats.

### Saturday, April 18, 8 pm Classical~East Meets West Erhuist Xiao Dong Wei & Pianist Yuki Mack



Chinese-born erhu master **Xiao Dong Wei** creates

spirited and engaging musical bridges spanning thousands of miles—from Beijing to her Detroit area home. Xiao Dong's father began teaching her to play when she was five,

and at age 11 her studies took her to the prestigious Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. There she also learned to play the guzheng (a zither-like instrument), the guitar-like pipa, the erhu (a Chinese two-stringed violin), and classical piano. She has lived in the U.S. since 2005, and has performed with orchestras around the country. A 2012 Kresge Artist Fellow, Xiao has performed internationally as a soloist, with chamber ensembles and orchestras—including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra—playing Chinese and Western classical music, world music, and more. Japanese-born pianist **Yuki Mack** has dazzled audiences on three continents. Her performances include a broad range of piano works, from chamber to orchestral music. In addition to collaborations with Xiao, she performs as a soloist and in piano duos with her sister Tomoko. In 2006, Yuki and Tomoko were selected as Steinway Artists.

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Rafael Statin

# Memorial Weekend Festival!

Friday, May 22, 8 pm Garden Concert\*

## Orquesta La Inspiracion Latin Jazz



**Orquesta La Inspiracion**, founded by Puerto Rican congera **Ozzie Rivera** and under the musical direction of award-winning jazz pianist/composer **Bill Meyer**, is a large ensemble of some of the Detroit area's most dynamic and authentic Latin musicians. La Inspiracion features a burning hot horn section, explosive percussions led by Ozzie, and soulful vocals with **Dulce Checkler** and others. The beats of salsa, merengue, cumbia, and Afro-Caribbean jazz will make dancing irresistible (a free Salsa class with the Fred Astaire Dance Studio just prior to the concert will help you brush up on your steps!). A tasty Latin-style meal is included.

### Saturday, May 23, 8 pm Garden Concert\* Blues Queen Thornetta Davis

Begin the summertime season with Michigan's Funky Rockin' Blues Queen **Thornetta Davis** and her electrifying band. Her heart-thumping voice has kept the local Blues, R&B and Soul scene alive for more than three decades—and she's exhilarated audiences at international Blues Festivals from Tunisia to Denmark, and throughout Europe. Her talent has earned her a 2018 Kresge Artist Fellowship, the 2017 L'Academie du Jazz Award for "Prix Blues Album," a spot in the Detroit Music Awards Hall of Fame, some 30 Detroit Music Awards, and more. Thornetta's graced the stage with Bonnie Raitt, Alberta Adams and Katie Webster, and opened for Gladys Knight, BB King, Ray Charles, and Etta James, to name a few.

June concerts on the back

