Institute’s Jazz Festival Through the Years

Since 1992, some of the world’s premier jazz artists have brought their music to the Jazz Festival hosted by The Institute, creating a history of memorable performances. Jazz Fest artists through the years are listed below, including those performing for us today. Thank you for attending our 32nd Annual Institute Jazz Fest!

1992- Jim Snidero (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Drew Gress (bass), (drummer never showed up)
1993- Buck Hill (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Steve Novosel (bass), Jerry Jones (drums)
1994- David “Fathead” Newman (sax & flute), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Steve Novosel (bass), Kadino Newman (drums/vocals)
1995- Gary Thomas (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Tommy Williams (trumpet), Tommy Cecil (bass), Byron Landham (drums)
1996- Ron Holloway (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Ed Howard (bass), Allison Miller (drums)
1997- Paul Bollenback (guitar), Marshall Keyes (sax), James King (bass), Nasar Abadey (drums), Melissa Walker (vocals)
1998- Steve Wilson (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Steve Novosel (bass), Lenny Robinson (drums)
1999- René Marie (vocals), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Allison Miller (drums), Sam Yahel (organ)
2000- Frank Morgan (sax), Bob Butta (piano), James King (bass), Nasar Abadey (drums)
2001- Gary Bartz (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Ed Howard (bass), Winard Harper (drums)
2002- Jeff “Tain” Watts (drums), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Shunzo Ohno (trumpet), Ed Howard (bass), Chris McNulty (vocals)
2003- Joe Locke (cubes), Steve Wilson (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Ed Howard (bass), Billy Hart (drums)
2004- Eric Alexander (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Chris Berger (bass), Montez Coleman (drums)
2005- Bud Shank (sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), James King (bass), Nasar Abadey (drums), Chris McNulty (vocals)
2006- David “Fathead” Newman (sax & flute), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Ed Howard (bass), Steve Johns (drums), Chris McNulty (vocals)
2007- “Trumpet Summit” with Brian Lynch, Ingrid Jensen, Paul Bollenback (guitar), Ugonna Okegwo (bass), Jon Wikan (drums)
2008- Houston Person (organ), Nancy Reed (vocals), David Leonhardt (piano), Matthew Parrish (bass), Paul Wells (drums)
2009- Joey DeFrancesco (organ), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Byron Landham (drums), Chris McNulty (vocals)
2010- “Saxophone Summit” with Jim Snidero (alto sax), Roger Rosenberg (baritone sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Ugonna Okegwo (bass), McClenty Hunter (drums)
2011- “Guitar Summit” with Paul Bollenback (guitar), Peter Bernstein (guitar), Jack Wilkins (guitar), Joseph Lopore (bass), McClenty Hunter (drums)
2012- René Marie (vocals), Kevin Bales (piano), Elias Bailey (bass), Quentin Baxter (drums)
2013- Lew Tabackin (tenor sax & flute), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Boris Koslov (bass), Mark Taylor (drums)
2014- Jeremy Pelt (trumpet), Joe Locke (cubes), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Lorin Cohen (bass), Jaimeo Brown (drums)
2015- Vincent Herring (alto sax), JD Walter (vocals), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Duylinh Nguyen (bass), Steve Johns (drums)
2016- Karrin Allyson (vocals), Eric Alexander (tenor sax), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Ed Howard (bass), Adam Cruz (drums)
2017- Vincent Herring (saxophone), Conrad Herwig (trombone), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Jeff “Tain” Watts (drums), Jared Gold (organ)
2018- Randy Brecker (trumpet), Ada Rovatti (saxophone), Richard Sussman (piano), Drew Gress (bass), Clarence Penn (drums)
[Note: Drew Gress was here for our first-ever Jazz Fest in 1992!!]
2019- Jeff “Tain” Watts (drums), Grégoire Maret (harmonica), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Orlando le Fleming (bass)
2020- Eric Alexander (tenor sax), Jeremy Pelt (trumpet), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Pat Bianchi (organ), Byron Landham (drums)
2021- Benny Benack III (trumpet, vocals), Paul Bollenback (guitar), Alexander Claffy (bass), Byron Landham (drums)
2022- Arturo O’Farrill (piano), Adam O’Farrill (trumpet), Zack O’Farrill (drums), Lianya Mateo (bass), Carlos Maldonado (percussion)
2023- Big Chief Donald Harrison Jr. (alto sax), Dan Kaufman (piano), Nori Naraoka (bass), Brian Richburg (drums)