

Austin Cebulske

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Saxophonist, Educator, Researcher

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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts, Jazz Studies (ABD, degree expected in 2023)

Secondary emphasis in Jazz History

August 2019–Present

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Master of Music, Jazz Studies

May 2015, *Magna Cum Laude*

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL

Bachelor of Music, Jazz Performance

August 2012, *Magna Cum Laude*

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL

University Teaching Experience

2023-Present Instructor of Saxophone and Music, University of Wisconsin, Platteville

- Teaching duties include serving as Applied Saxophone Instructor, Jazz Combo Director, Instructor of Music Appreciation, Woodwind Techniques, History of Rock, Saxophone Choir Director, and Jazz Combo Director.

2022-2023 Lecturer of Saxophone and Big Bands, Washington State University

- Teaching duties include serving as Applied Saxophone Instructor in both classical and jazz idioms, Director of WSU Big Bands & Lab-Band, Director of Jazz Combos, Guest Instructor of Woodwind Techniques, and online instructor of Survey of Western Music.

2019-2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Northern Colorado

- Teaching duties included serving as Director of the Saxophone Ensemble, Director of the Green Mill & Smalls Jazz Combos, rotating Applied Jazz Saxophone Instructor for both undergraduate and graduate students, Assistant Instructor of Bop Shop, and Assistant Lecturer of both graduate and undergraduate seminars in Jazz History.

2013-2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Northern Illinois University

- Teaching duties included serving as Instructor of Music Appreciation, Director of the University Jazz Ensemble (big band) and rotating Applied Saxophone Instructor for undergraduate jazz majors.

- 2010-2012 Teaching Assistant, Southern Illinois University Jazz Camp**
- Teaching duties involved topics such as foundational ear-training/aural skills as it relates to the jazz idiom, standard jazz repertoire, improvisation, saxophone performance practice and jazz combo assistant director.

Relevant Professional Experience

- 2008-Present Private Lesson Instructor of Saxophone and Clarinet**
- Teaching duties include private saxophone and clarinet instruction for students of all skill levels. Subjects covered in lessons include music theory, technique, sound production, classical etudes, classical repertoire, swing-feel, jazz vocabulary, articulation, aural skills, and improvisation.
- 2016-2019 Saxophone Instructor, Saxquest Music Institute**
- Teaching duties included serving as Jazz Saxophone Instructor for students of a variety of skill levels.
- 2015-2018 Primary Woodwind Instructor & Ensemble Director, City Music**
- Teaching duties included serving as Saxophone and Clarinet instructor for students in classical, jazz, and popular music idioms. Students ranged in age from 4th grade through the college level. Duties also included serving as Jazz and Concert Band Director for holiday concerts.
- 2013-2018 High School Jazz Ensemble Clinician**
- Teaching duties involved conducting masterclasses at high schools throughout the greater Chicago and St. Louis areas. Topics covered include swing-feel, fundamental jazz vernacular, articulation, rhythmic accuracy, ensemble blend, aural skills, improvisation, and other basic musicianship skills.
- 2015-2017 Music Educator, Palmer Music**
- Teaching duties included serving as Private Lesson Instruction and Ensemble Director at various middle schools throughout the St. Louis area. Instrumental instruction included guitar, piano, saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, and snare drum.

Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

Washington State University

2022-Present **Director, WSU Big Band** (*Fall 2022 - Spring 2023*)
Director, WSU Lab-Band (*Fall 2022 – Spring 2023*)
Instructor, Applied Saxophone Lessons (*Fall 2022 - Spring 2023*)
Instructor, Saxophone Studio (*Fall 2022 - Spring 2023*)
Online Instructor, Survey of Western Music (*Winter, 2022*).
Instructor, Jazz Combo (*Fall, 2022*)
Guest Instructor, Woodwind Techniques (*Fall, 2022*)

Courses Taught as Primary Instructor (continued)

University of Northern Colorado

2019-2022 **Director, Green Mill and Smalls Jazz Combos** (*Fall & Spring, 2021 - 2022*)
Instructor, Applied Jazz Saxophone Lessons (*Fall & Spring, 2019-2022*)
Director, Jazz Saxophone Ensemble (*Fall & Spring, 2019-2020*)

Northern Illinois University

2013-2015 **Lecturer, Jazz Appreciation** (*Fall & Spring, 2013-2015*)
Director, University Jazz Ensemble (*Fall & Spring, 2014-2015*)
Instructor, Applied Jazz Saxophone Lessons (*Fall & Spring, 2013-2015*)

Presentations / Masterclasses

Aural Skills, Associating Moods and Colors with Sounds

Washington State University (February 2023) Pullman, WA

Developing an Effective Practice Routine

Washington State University (January 2023) Pullman, WA

Effective Strategies in Mastering Major and Minor Scales

Washington State University (October 2022) Pullman, WA

Solo Instrumental Performance within the Jazz Idiom

Washington State University (September 2022) Pullman, WA

The Development and Proliferation of Cool Jazz, Hard Bop, and Bebop

University of Northern Colorado (March 2022) Greeley, CO

Common Jazz Rhythmic Vernacular/Communicating Rhythmically in a Jazz Setting

University of Northern Colorado (February 2022) Greeley, CO

The Innovative Harmonic Vocabulary of George Coleman (Poster Presentation)

Jazz Education Network National Conference (January 2022) Dallas, TX

Pentatonic and Quartal Structures in Single-note Improvisation

University of Northern Colorado (December 2021) Greeley, CO

Presentations / Masterclasses (continued)

The Contrasting Styles of Wayne Shorter and George Coleman in the Miles Davis Quintet

University of Northern Colorado (November 2021) Greeley, CO

Joe Henderson's Complex Rhythmic Vocabulary

University of Northern Colorado (December 2020) Greeley, CO

The Distinct Melodic and Harmonic Vocabulary of Chick Corea

University of Northern Colorado (November 2019) Greeley, CO

Motivic Development within Jazz Improvisation

Saxquest (March 2017) St. Louis, MO

The Musical Aesthetics of Thelonious Monk

Northern Illinois University (April 2015) Dekalb, IL

Discography / Recordings

Spencer Zwiefel Group- *Life & Death* (2023)

Zaremba Jazz Fellowship- *Reunion* (2022)

Ted Davies Big Band- *Trail Rider* (2022)

Austin Cebulske Trio- *Slophouse* (2021)

Pete Lombardo, The Service- *New Groove* (2020)

Austin Cebulske Quartet- *Self titled* (2020)

Bobby Wiens- *Talking Drums* (2020)

Steve Davis- *Quartet and Trio* (2019)

The Funky Butt Brass Band- *Onward* (2019)
Starwolf- *Ti Amo, Stargazer* (2018)
Ben Reece- *Unity Quartet* (2017)
Nick Savage Quartet- *Standards* (2017)
Funky Butt Brass Band- *A Funky Butt Family Christmas* (2017)
Matt Attfield Quintet- *Bella e Angelica* (2015)
Tom Rickard Quartet- *Empty Chairs* (2014)
Al Holliday and The East Side Rhythm Band- *Made it Through the Mill Again* (2013)

Recent Performance Highlights

2023

Austin Cebulske Faculty Artist Recital – Kimbrough Concert Hall, Pullman, WA
Jazz Northwest & the WSU Jazz Nonet – Kimbrough Concert Hall, Pullman, WA
Jazz Northwest (WSU Faculty) – NAFME Northwest Division, Bellevue, WA
Greg Yasinitzky & Crosscurrents – Rico’s Public House, Pullman, WA
Darryl Singleton Faculty Artist Recital – Bryan Hall, Pullman, WA
Jazz Northwest (WSU Faculty) – Rico’s Public House, Pullman, WA
Drew Zaremba Fellowship – Jazz Education Network Conference, Orlando, FL
Darryl Singleton Quartet – Bucer’s on Main, Moscow, ID
Austin Cebulske Trio – Rico’s Public House, Pullman, WA

2022

Jazz Northwest (WSU Faculty) & The WSU Big Band – Kimbrough Concert Hall, Pullman, WA
Cesar Haas Faculty Artist Recital – Washington State University, Pullman, WA
Darryl Singleton & Friends – Bucer’s on Main, Moscow, ID
Austin Cebulske Chordless Quartet – Rico’s Public House, Pullman, WA
Bobby Weins Trio – Sweetheart Winery, Loveland, CO
No Hands Brass Band – City Park Jazz Festival, Denver, CO
Sean Williams Quintet – Denver Press Club, Denver, CO
Spencer Zweifel Group – The Muse, Denver, CO
Spencer Zweifel Quartet – 477 Distilling, Greeley, CO
Zaremba Jazz Fellowship – University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO
Zaremba Jazz Fellowship w/ Wayne Bergeron – UNC Greeley Jazz Festival
Greeley Train Museum – Crown Pub, Ft. Collins CO
Greeley Train Museum – 477 Distilling and WeldWerks Brewery, Greeley CO
David Mesquitic Quintet – The Elephant Room, Austin, TX.
David Mesquitic Quintet – Monk’s Jazz Club, Austin, TX.
No Hands Brass Band – Dazzle, Denver, CO.
University of Northern Colorado’s Vanguard Combo – UNC Greeley Jazz Festival

University of Northern Colorado's Lab 1 w/ Bobby Sanabria – Greeley Jazz Festival
University of Northern Colorado's Lab 1 w/ Sheila Jordan – Greeley Jazz Festival
University of Northern Colorado's Lab 1 w/ Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra – Greeley, CO

2021

Jared Cathy Quartet – 477 Distillery, Greeley, CO
Austin Cebulske Quartet ft. Andrew Janak – 477 Distillery, Greeley, CO
Austin Cebulske Trio – Album release at Saxquest, St. Louis, MO
Austin Cebulske/Brian Casey Duo- 477 Distillery, Greeley, CO

2021 (continued)

Austin Cebulske Trio – The Cigar Inn, Belleville, IL
Drew Zaremba Fellowship – The Moxi, Greeley, CO
Drew Zaremba Fellowship – Dazzle, Denver, CO
The Beverly Belles – Various venues throughout Loveland and Denver, CO
University of Northern Colorado's Lab I – UNC Global Jazz Celebration, Greeley, CO
 Ft. Ingrid Jensen, Camille Thurman, Miguel Zenón, and Wayne Bergeron
University of Northern Colorado's Vanguard Combo – UNC Global Jazz Celebration
Seth Lewis Quintet – Album release at Nocturne, Denver, CO
Bobby Wiens Quintet – Album Release at Nocturne, Denver, CO
Bob Deboo Quintet – The Grandel Theater, St. Louis, MO

2020

Spencer Zweifel Quintet – 477 Distillery, Greeley, CO
Denin Koch Beta Particle – Dazzle, Denver, CO & The Muse
Austin Cebulske Organ Trio – Tower 56, Greeley, CO
Austin Cebulske Quartet – The Crimson Room, Denver CO
University of Northern Colorado Lab I – Frederick P. Rose Hall at Lincoln Center, NYC
University of Northern Colorado Vanguard Combo – Dizzy's Club Coca Cola, NYC
University of Northern Colorado Lab I with Special Guest Dick Oats – Greeley, CO
The Hard Bop Messengers: Giant Steps 60 Year Anniversary – The Dark Room, St. Louis, MO
Montez Coleman Trio – Thurman's, St. Louis MO

2019

University of Colorado Vanguard Combo – UNCO, Greeley, CO
University of Northern Colorado Lab I w/Carmen Bradford – UNCO, Greeley, CO
Richie Debonis Quintet – The Crimson Room, Denver, CO
Funky Butt Brass Band – Jazz at the Bistro, St. Louis, MO
Ben Reece Unity Quartet – The Dark Room St. Louis, MO
Funky Butt Brass Band: Stanley Cup Celebration – Enterprise Center, St. Louis, MO
Starwolf – Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, MO

Master Blaster: A Stevie Wonder Tribute – The Pageant, St. Louis MO
Austin Cebulske Trio – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO
Ryan Marquez Quartet – The Dark Room, St. Louis, MO
Tommy Halloran Trio – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO
The Temptations and Four Tops Revue – UIS Performing Arts Center, Springfield, IL

2018

Jazz St. Louis Big Band: Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite – Jazz at the Bistro, St. Louis, MO
Meramec Community College Big Band (Guest Soloist) – Meramec Theatre, St. Louis, MO
Funky Butt Brass Band – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO
Austin Cebulske Trio – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO
Al Holliday and the East Side Rhythm Band – European Tour (Germany, The Netherlands)
U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America – Tour throughout the Midwest
Nick Savage Quartet – Various venues throughout St. Louis, MO
Emily Wallace/Adam Maness Group – Jazz at the Bistro, St. Louis, MO

2017

Janet Evra Quartet – The Grandel Theater, St. Louis, MO
Jazz St. Louis Big Band: Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite – Jazz at the Bistro, St. Louis, MO
Austin Cebulske Quartet/Trio – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO
Nick Savage Quartet – Loretto-Hilton Center for Performing Arts, St. Louis, MO
Eric Slaughter Duo – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO
Funky Butt Brass Band – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO
Lenny Klinger's Galaxy – Various Venues in St. Louis, MO

2016

Austin Cebulske Quartet/Trio – Various Venues, St. Louis, MO
Jazz St. Louis Big Band: Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite – Jazz at the Bistro, St. Louis, MO
Rosebud Jazztet – Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, NYC
Jazz Educators Network Conference – Dallas, TX
Funky Butt Brass Band – Holiday Brassytravaganza, St. Louis, MO
Funky Butt Brass Band – Jazz at the Bistro, St. Louis, MO
Funky Butt Brass Band – Mardi Gras Celebration, Rockford, IL

2015

Northern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble with Rodney Whitaker - Various High Schools, IL
Northern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble with Vincent Gardner - Various High Schools, IL

2014

Northern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble with Donald Harrison - Various High Schools, IL
Northern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble with Carl Allen - Various High Schools, IL

Awards and Honors

2022 *DownBeat Magazine*
Winner of Graduate Large Jazz Ensemble Award as member of University of Northern Colorado's Lab I (Lead Alto)

Awards and Honors (continued)

2024 *Jazz Education Network Conference, Presenter*
Presented research on Wardell Gray's improvisational & compositional vocabulary at the 2024 Jazz Education Network Conference in New Orleans, LA

2021 *Jazz Education Network Conference, Presenter*
Invited to present at the Annual Jazz Education Network Conference in Dallas, TX

2020 *Jack Rudin Jazz Championship*
Selected to perform at Lincoln Center as a member of University of Colorado's Lab I (1st Tenor) and Vanguard Combo

2020 *DownBeat Magazine*
Winner of Graduate Large Jazz Ensemble Award in the University of Colorado's Lab I (1st Tenor)

2019-2022 *Graduate Teaching Assistantship (University of Northern Colorado)*

2018 *Regional Arts Commission Fellowship Award (St. Louis, MO)*

2017 *Saxquest*
Received Sponsorship

2015 *Rosebud Jazztet at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola*
Selected to perform as outstanding college ensemble

- 2015 *North American Saxophone Alliance Region 5 Conference (NIU, Dekalb, IL)*
 Selected to perform as a soloist
- 2014-2015 *Elmhurst Jazz Festival*
 Outstanding Ensemble as a member of the Rosebud Jazztet
- 2014-2015 *Elmhurst Jazz Festival*
 Outstanding Soloist at the *Elmhurst Jazz Festival*
- 2014 *Jazz Educators Network Conference, Performer*
 Selected to perform as a member of the Rosebud Jazztet
- 2013-2015 *Graduate Teaching Assistant (Northern Illinois University)*
- 2011-2012 *St. Louis Jazz Club Award*

Adjudication

- 2022 Washington State University Jazz Festival
- 2022 University of Northern Colorado Jazz Festival
- 2021 University of Northern Colorado Jazz Festival
- 2015 Elmhurst Jazz Festival

Professional Memberships

College Music Society
Jazz Education Network
North American Saxophone Alliance
National Association for Music Education
Washington Music Educators Association

Endorsements

Saxquest
Vandoren

Courses Prepared to Teach

Music Appreciation
Popular Music Studies
Jazz Arranging
Jazz Keyboard Skills
Aural Skills
Jazz Theory
Jazz Pedagogy
Applied Secondary Clarinet Instruction
Jazz Improvisation

Principal Instructors in Saxophone

Camille Thurman	<i>(2020-2021)</i>
Andrew Janak	<i>(2021-2022)</i>
Kenyon Brenner	<i>(2020-2021)</i>
Geof Bradfield	<i>(2013-2015)</i>
Jason Swagler	<i>(2008-2012)</i>

Principal Instructors in Jazz Studies

Steve Kovalcheck	<i>(2020-2022)</i>
Dana Landry	<i>(2019-2022)</i>
Drew Zaremba	<i>(2019-2022)</i>
Reggie Thomas	<i>(2009-2015)</i>
Brett Stamps	<i>(2009-2012)</i>

Professional References

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