

Central PA Jazz Camp Faculty



Vibraphonist/percussionist/composer **STEFON HARRIS** - the Los Angeles Times called him "one of the most important young artists in jazz" who is "at the forefront of new New York music" and "much in demand as a star sideman". Harris has played with many jazz luminaries including Kenny Barron, Steve Turre, Kurt Elling, and Charlie Hunter, in addition to releasing several of his own critically well-regarded albums. He recently developed an "App" for jazz education called the "Harmony Cloud" which he will use to instruct students at his year's camp.



STEVE WILSON has attained "first-call" status as a studio musician, concert performer and educator. He is currently an Associate Professor at City College of New York, on faculty at the Juilliard School, and has been honored by New York University and The Richmond (VA) Jazz Society recognizing his outstanding service in jazz education. A musician's musician, Wilson has performed on more than 150 recordings led by George Duke, Michael Brecker, & Maria Schneider among many others, as well as eight recordings as a leader. Wilson moved to New York in 1987 and the following year toured with Lionel Hampton. He was the subject of a New York Times profile "A Sideman's Life". He has been a member of the Dave Holland Quintet, and from 1998-2001 played with Chick Corea's Grammy winning sextet "Origin".



A native of Harrisburg PA, **PAUL BRATCHER** began playing piano at age 11 and found a love for jazz while playing in the jazz band at Bishop McDevitt High School. He continued his education at Messiah College where he studied and played with Tim Warfield, Bruce Barth and Cyrus Chestnut and received a B.S. in Music Education. Paul went to Michigan



State University, where he received his M.M. in Education and studied with Reggie Thomas. He is currently on faculty at the Levine School of Music in Washington D.C. and Messiah College in Mechanicsburg PA. In demand as a musician, Paul has completed tours in Africa, South America and Canada.

KIRK REESE has been an active part of the jazz scene in Pennsylvania for thirty years. He has performed with numerous notable jazz artists including Phil Woods, Lou Marini, Marvin Stamm, Tim Warfield, Jr. and Terrell Stafford. and has been asked to be the opening act for Bela Fleck, B.B. King and others. An active recording artist, he has appeared on countless CDs including one by the Reese Project, "Blue Etude", which received a Grammy nomination in 2002. Reese is on the music faculty at Messiah College and Elizabethtown College. His latest recording - *Impressions* - was released in February 2015.

STEVE MEASHEY is originally from Lebanon, PA where he now lives with his wife Erin and their three children, Samantha, Chester and Robyn. For more than 25 years, Steve has made a living playing bass in Central PA and around Philadelphia where he has had the privilege of playing with many of the finest musicians in the region. Meashey has also been involved in many recording projects through the years including CDs with the *For Peace Quartet*, the Kirk Reese Trio, and the Joe Hunt Trio.

JEFF STABLEY teaches Jazz Studies at York College of Pennsylvania where he directs the jazz ensemble and the percussion ensemble. He is also a music teacher at Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 in York County and is the contemporary music director and pianist at Zion Lutheran Church of York. For more than ten years, Stabley has been the music director of the First Presbyterian Church of York's popular jazz vespers concerts honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This concert has featured many notable artists including Chris Bacas, John Swanna and Paul Carr. Locally Jeff can be heard drumming with Kirk Reese, Tim Warfield, Jr., and Jim Wood. He also plays keyboard with Kris Kostoff's hip-hop jazz group *Compound*. The Jeff Stabley Trio has released a CD entitled "Music To Listen to Music To" with Steve Meashey & pianist Andy Roberts.



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