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Colorado Conservatory for the Jazz Arts Newsletter

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Celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!!

(Stay tuned for special 10th Anniversary Events!)

## Winter Small Group Registration

Be sure to register early for the winter session! Registration will be open from **October 20<sup>th</sup> until November 10<sup>th</sup>** for the winter small group session, which runs from November 17<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 3rd (with a short break for the holidays).

Unless you are a drummer\*\*, if you have been enrolled in a CCJA session within the last year, you have priority registration; however places are filled in the order that registration is received. You can register by filling out the [online registration form](http://www.jazzarts.org) at [www.jazzarts.org](http://www.jazzarts.org). To complete registration, you can then make a half or full tuition payment with a credit card online or mail a check to CCJA, 4505 W 36th Avenue Denver, CO 80212.

If you have friends who are interested in CCJA (especially horn players!) please direct them to the small group program page, on the programs and classes page of [www.jazzarts.org](http://www.jazzarts.org) for an application. The more horn players we have, the more groups we can have, which helps the rhythm section players who are on the wait list get a spot sooner.

\*\* There is a new policy for drummers. Regardless of whether or not you have been in a group before, there will be auditions for small groups (in locations where there is a wait list.) If you are a drummer, and would like to do this session, please call (720-201-6885) or email ([paul@jazzarts.org](mailto:paul@jazzarts.org)) as soon as possible.

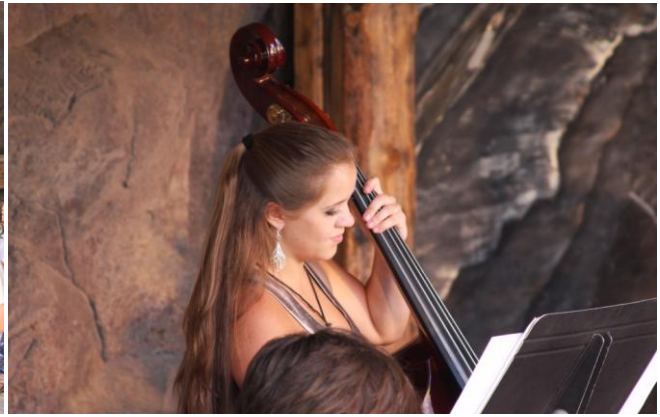
## Fall Concerts: Time to make your reservations now!

Dazzle Restaurant and Lounge is hosting our fall concerts on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sets will begin at 7pm each night. **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> will feature the groups led by Eric Gunnison, Paul Romaine, and the group co-led by Bob Rebholz and Mike Abbott. Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> will feature the groups led by Jeff Jenkins and Ken Walker, as well as Eric Trujillo's Latin Ensemble.**

Because the dining room fills up quickly (it seats less than 100 people) and there is *no cover*, please try to make reservations for your friends and family early! Dazzle serves delicious dinner, drinks, and desserts! The club is located at 930 Lincoln St. in Denver. Reservations can be made by calling 303-839-5100. For more information, check out [www.dazzlejazz.com](http://www.dazzlejazz.com)

## Welcome to Megan McDevitt, our new Student Board Member!!!

Megan is a junior at the Denver School of the Arts. She plays in DSA's orchestra and jazz band as well as the Denver Young Artists Orchestra, and has participated in All State Orchestra and the CEC Jazz Band. She is a third-year veteran of CCJA as a keyboardist. She says that CCJA has helped her grow as a person and musician, strengthening her communication skills and regard for hard work. We're happy to have her as our new Student Board member and know that she will make valuable contributions this year!



(Westcliffe Pictures courtesy of Jan Pyle)

## CCJA Big Band – Gearing up for full Swing!

Auditions for this year's CCJA Big Band will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm before the regular rehearsal at DU. This year's Big Band Season runs from December 15<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>. Most rehearsals will take place at 5:15 on Tuesdays at DU, and the tuition is \$300 for the entire season, payable in installments. So far this year, the Big Band is scheduled to perform at the Mile High Jazz Festival, the Greeley Jazz Festival, Jazz-o-rama, and the Big Band Boogie Bash! For specific audition information, call or email Paul Romaine at [paul@jazzarts.org](mailto:paul@jazzarts.org), or 720-201-6885.

## \$\$ On a financial note \$\$

Due to the current state of the economy, CCJA will have to begin charging for credit card transactions on the website, [www.jazzarts.org](http://www.jazzarts.org). These fees are imposed by the credit card companies, and until now, CCJA has been paying them. With the amount of website traffic we get, the charges can add up to a lot over the year! We sincerely apologize for this change (which will take place October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009). However, we will still accept checks with no additional fee!



## Sponsors

Thanks to our sponsors! If you work for, or know of a Business or organization that might be interested in the benefits of CCJA sponsorship, contact Chris Romaine at [chris@jazzarts.org](mailto:chris@jazzarts.org) for more information. Business marketing sponsorships can benefit your organization through exposure on our website, in newsletters, t-shirts, programs, event invites, banners at concerts, etc. We also offer event tickets, and can have groups play at parties/events. Since we are a 501(c)(3) there are also substantial tax benefits as well.

Jazz89 KUVU [www.kuvo.org](http://www.kuvo.org)

Dazzle Restaurant & Lounge [www.dazzlejazz.com](http://www.dazzlejazz.com)

Lamont School of Music [www.du.edu/lamont](http://www.du.edu/lamont)

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CCJA **Cookbooks** are still available! You can find out more about them and/or purchase them online at [www.jazzarts.org](http://www.jazzarts.org) or by mail or phone (720-201-6885). Proceeds from the sales of these items are important for funding our programs and scholarships! If you know anyone else who might be interested in the shirts or books, we can also send you an informational email that is easy to forward to people. Just let us know if you want us to send you one.

## Faculty Spotlight: Eric Trujillo



Denver native Eric Trujillo is the founding director of CCJA's Latin Ensemble, one of the only groups of its kind in the region. Eric studied at Metro State College and the Berklee School of Music, and has gone on to be a busy freelance saxophone and Latin percussion artist and educator. He is the director of Mambotet and the Latin Arts and Music Project, is a mentor in the Douglas County school district, and is a Meinl Percussion artist. Eric has played with such greats as J.P. Torres, Victor Mendoza, Lee Konitz, and Bobby Shew.

## Upcoming Events:

Oct 20 – Nov 10 – Winter Session Registration

Nov 2, 3 - Fall Concerts - 7pm at Dazzle

Nov.16/17 – Winter Small Group begins

Dec 1 – Big Band Auditions – 6pm at DU

Dec 31 – Alumni Jam Session - 3pm – 6pm at Dazzle

January 3 – 10<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Party featuring the release of the first ever CCJA