

Niall Bakkestad-Legare

Saxophonist | Educator | Composer | Arranger

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Teaching

Private Teaching Studio

Woodwind Instructor: Teaches private students at all levels from ages 12-40. Focuses on developing musical fundamentals through creative acts, such as composition.

New York, NY 2017

Winnipeg, MB 2009-2015

Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School (WHEELS) Outreach Program

Outreach Educator: Conducted saxophone clinics for students ages 13-15 in the Washington Heights area.

New York, NY 2017

University of Manitoba Jazz Camp

Ensemble Instructor: Coached an ensemble of students ages 14-18 that focused on jazz improvisation. Arranged all group's pieces for a final public performance.

Winnipeg, MB 2014-2015

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

Clinician: Led woodwind clinics to groups of students ages 13-18, as well as teaching individual lessons and being a part of a faculty performance.

Winnipeg, MB 2011-2015

Jazz On Wheels Outreach Program

Performing Artist: Performed as part of an educational program designed for young, inner-city families. The group performed at numerous street festivals and outreach initiatives.

Winnipeg, MB 2010-2013

University of Manitoba BRIDGE Program

Clinician: Coached ensembles of students ages 13-15 through a repertoire of jazz and popular songs, as well as teaching individual woodwind lessons. The BRIDGE program is an outreach initiative through the University of Manitoba that brings music instruction to low-income neighborhoods in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, MB 2012-2013

Education

The Manhattan School of Music - New York, NY

Master of Music in Jazz Studies, 2017

The University of Manitoba - Winnipeg, MB

Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance, 2013

Principal Teachers

Jamie Baum: flute

Jimmy Greene: saxophone/improvisation

Jon Gordon: saxophone/improvisation

Phil Markowitz: composition/improvisation

Donny McCaslin: saxophone/improvisation

Jim McNeeley: composition

Gary Smulyan: saxophone/improvisation