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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

JAZZ PORT TOWNSEND

AVAILABLE SUMMER 2025-29



ABOUT CENTRUM

CENTRUM ENVISIONS A FUTURE WHERE ANYONE FROM ANYWHERE CAN NURTURE THEIR CREATIVITY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SUPPORTIVE, CHALLENGING AND UPLIFTING – BUILDING A WORLD OF GREATER INCLUSION THROUGH THE ARTS.

Our mission is to foster creative arts experiences that change lives.

Through inter-generational immersive workshops, we bring together aspiring and master artists to ignite creativity, find and provide mentorship, and build community. Our public performances celebrate our workshops and programs, welcoming audiences to share in those creative experiences.

Jazz Port Townsend is a week-long immersive experience of learning, performing and absorbing jazz, for singers and instrumentalists from high school-age and above. With a faculty of diverse, world-class teaching artists, participants learn and listen alongside approximately 160 other artists, amateur and professional. Typically, half of our participants are under the age of 20 and come from all over the U.S. with varied backgrounds and a shared passion for jazz.

Centrum is located at Fort Worden State Park in rural Washington State on 434-acres of pristine parkland, beaches and trails. A former military base, Fort Worden boasts 90 historic buildings, including theaters, dormitories, classrooms, and dance halls. Centrum was founded by the State of Washington in 1974 when it established Fort Worden State Park as its anchor tenant.



A student is mentored by faculty member David Sanchez at the 2023 workshop. Every participant is placed in a faculty-led combo for the week, with performance opportunities for all.



THE POSITION

Artistic Directors at Centrum are leaders in their field. They set the overall artistic tone for each workshop and provide leadership in shaping the future of the program. The AD plays a vital part in establishing the “personality” of a program by taking a leading role in curating faculty and performers.

Core Responsibilities:

- Take leading role in curating faculty and performers the weeklong workshop. The AD works closely with the Program Manager (PM/staff) to determine the number and type of faculty needed.
- Confer closely with the Program Manager to establish budget and logistical parameters. Include input from Centrum’s Marketing Director. The PM is ultimately responsible for the budget, and for conferring with the AD as to what resources are available. Both must be committed to working within an established budget.
- Contact artists for preliminary booking. (Program Manager coordinates contracts, travel, housing, technical requirements and other on-site needs). Set performance dates, times, and programs in conversation with the PM.
- Work with Program Manager to coordinate faculty class assignments, masterclasses, performances, and other events during workshop week. This process will likely start with the AD stating her/his vision for the week, with the PM providing input about scheduling or budget considerations.
- Attend entire workshop/festival week, teaching and/or performing as agreed with Program Manager.
- Assist in fundraising for special scholarship programs such as the Jazz Diversity Scholarship Fund.
- Contribute blog entries for the Centrum website and social media occasionally. This is a vital way for us to stay in our constituents’ consciousness year-round. Blog entries can be 1-2 brief paragraphs about news, developments in the field, faculty or elements of the upcoming workshop.
- Serve as a chief ambassador for Centrum, year-round, leveraging industry contacts and connections for the future well-being of Jazz Port Townsend.
- Participate in select media opportunities, as available.



Left: Jazz Port Townsend faculty and participants, 2023 (top)

The all-star Big Band performs for a public audience during the weekend festival

JAZZ PORT TOWNSEND FACULTY PERFORMERS

Alphabetical order by last name

* indicates NEA Jazz Master

Clarence Acox
 Maucha Adnet
 Cyrille Aimée
 Ambrose Akinmusire
 *Toshiko Akiyoshi
 Eric Alexander
 Monty Alexander
 Carl Allen
 JD Allen
 Laurindo Almeida
 Ernestine Anderson
 Ernie Andrews
 Vicente Archer
 Lynne Arriale
 Dan Balmer
 Ramon Banda
 Tony Banda
 Roland Barber
 Mike Barone
 Chris Barron
 *Kenny Barron
 Jean Baylor
 Marcus Baylor
 John Beasley
 Casey Benjamin
 Ron Blake
 Bochinche
 *Joanne Brackeen
 Carmen Bradford
 Joshua Breakstone
 Nick Brignola
 Alan Broadbent
 *Bob Brookmeyer
 Alex Brown
 Justin Brown
 Mel Brown
 *Ray Brown
 Monty Budwig
 Bundesjazz Jazz
 Charlie Byrd
 George Cables
 Obed Calvaire
 Conte Candoli
 Frankie Capp Juggernaut
 Dave Captein
 *Betty Carter
 *Regina Carter
 Gilbert Castellanos
 Tom Catanzaro
 Cyrus Chestnut Trio
 Corey Christiansen
 Pete Christlieb

Steve Christofferson
 June Christy
 Gerald Clayton
 Jay Clayton
 Jeff Clayton
 John Clayton
 Clayton/Hamilton Big Band
 Dawn Clement
 Anat Cohen
 Al Cohn
 Freddy Cole
 George Colligan
 Cal Collins
 Shawn Conley
 Bob Cooper
 Larry Coryell
 Bill Cunliffe
 Adrian Cunningham
 Duduka Da Fonseca
 Claire Daly
 Dee Daniels
 Tanya Darby
 Quincy Davis
 Steve Davis
 Chuck Deardorf
 Graham Dechter
 *Buddy DeFranco
 Jonny DeLeon
 Cedrick Dent
 Dena DeRose
 *Paquito D’Rivera
 Anne Drummond
 Ray Drummond
 Alex Dugdale
 Chuck Easton
 *Harry “Sweets” Edison
 Teddy Edwards
 Taylor Eigsti
 Kurt Elling
 Herb Ellis
 Ron Eschete
 John Faddis
 *Art Farmer
 Diego Figueiredo
 Bob Florence
 Med Flory
 Flutology
 Carl Fontana
 Bruce Forman
 Sullivan Fortner
 Gary Foster
 The Four Freshmen

Bruce Forman
 Ben Fox
 Mimi Fox
 Joel Frahm
 Don Friesen
 Dave Frishberg
 Tia Fuller
 Kenny G (Gorelick)
 Hal Galper
 Roberta Gambarini
 Alvester Garnett
 Sara Gazarek
 Stan Getz
 Terry Gibbs
 Gary Gibson
 Eddie Gladden
 Michael Glynn
 Larry Goldings
 *Benny Golson
 Denny Goodhew
 *Dexter Gordon
 Wycliffe Gordon
 Julianne Gralle
 Benny Green
 Rodney Green
 Johnny Griffin
 Oliver Groenewald
 Terreon Gulley
 Mike Gurrola
 Randy Halberstadt
 *Jim Hall
 Jon Hamar
 Jeff Hamilton
 *Slide Hampton
 John Hansen
 Roy Hargrove
 Niki Haris
 Gene Harris
 Stefon Harris
 Atsuko Hashimoto
 Marion Hayden
 Andre Hayward
 John Heard
 *Jimmy Heath
 *Percy Heath
 Tootie Heath
 Tamir Hendelman
 *Billy Higgins
 Marquis Hill
 Gary Hobbs
 Holly Hofmann
 *Bill Holman

Jazzmeia Horn
 *Freddie Hubbard
 Paul Humphry
 *Milt Jackson
 *Ahmad Jamal
 Christine Jensen
 Ingrid Jensen
 *J.J. Johnson
 Pete Jolly
 Sean Jones
 *Sheila Jordan
 Kevin Kanner
 Justin Kauflin
 Geoffrey Keezer
 Paul Keller
 Grace Kelly
 Johnaye Kendrick
 Erik Kertes
 Barney Kessel
 Nancy King
 Milt Kleeb
 *Lee Konitz
 Kristin Korb
 Joe LaBarbera
 Jane Lambert
 Don Lanphere
 *Hubert Laws
 D’Vonne Lewis
 Mel Lewis
 Kirk Lightsey
 Joe Locke
 Joe Lovano
 Romero Lubambo
 Tony Lujan Sextet
 Christoph Luty
 Julian MacDonough
 Kelby MacNayr
 Bob Magnusson
 Russell Malone
 *Johnny Mandel
 Nancy Marano
 Dan Marcus
 Sherrie Maricle
 René Marie
 Dave Marriott
 Tom Marriott
 Greta Matassa
 Nilson Matta
 Michael Mayo
 Bill Mays
 Christian McBride
 Barney McClure
 Rob McConnell
 Ian McDougall
 Michael McKinley
 *Marian McPartland
 Allison Miller

Doug Miller
 Butch Miles
 Bob Mintzer
 Red Mitchell
 Eddie Monteiro
 James Morrison
 Mark Murphy
 Stephanie Nakasian
 Kim Nazarian
 New Stories Trio
 Josh Nelson
 Dick Oatts
 Hod O’Brien
 Miles Okazaki
 Andy Omdahl
 Jeb Patton
 Bill Perkins
 Gretchen Parlato
 Dave Peck
 Ken Peplowski
 Houston Person
 John Pisano
 Randy Porter
 Michael Rabinowitz
 Harish Raghavan
 Bill Ramsay
 Eric Reed
 Emily Remler
 Kim Richmond
 Howard Roberts
 Claudio Roditi
 Shorty Rogers
 *Sonny Rollins
 Marlene Rosenberg
 Ellen Rowe
 Gonzalo Rubalcaba
 Pete Rugolo
 Patrice Rushen
 Ali Ryerson
 David Sanchez
 Poncho Sanchez
 Joe Sanders
 *Maria Schneider
 Kendrick Scott
 Marc Seales
 Bud Shank
 Marlana Shaw
 Bobby Shew
 Jeremy Siskind
 Andy Simkins
 Bria Skonberg
 Matt Slocum
 Walter Smith III
 Gary Smulyan
 Sonando
 Luciana Souza
 Terell Stafford

Mary Stallings
 Peggy Stern
 Dayna Stephens
 Super Sax
 Dave Stryker
 Byron Stripling
 Chris Symer
 Lew Tabackin
 Mark Taylor
 *“Toots” Thielemans
 Katie Thiroux
 Brianna Thomas
 Jay Thomas
 Akiko Tsuruga
 Sachal Vasandani
 Arturo Velasco
 Byron Vannoy
 Eric Verlinde
 Gary Versace
 Leroy Vinnegar
 Charenee Wade
 Tom Wakeling
 Bennie Wallace
 *Cedar Walton
 Tim Warfield
 Bill Watrous
 Ernie Watts
 Laura Welland
 Kenny Werner
 *Frank Wess
 Doug Weiss
 Nedra Wheeler
 Jiggs Whigham
 Rodney Whitaker
 Lenny White
 Gerald Wiggins
 Immanuel Wilkens
 Sunny Wilkinson
 Buster Williams
 Anthony Wilson
 *Gerald Wilson
 Matt Wilson
 Steve Wilson
 Jon Wikan
 Billy Williams
 Buster Williams
 *Joe Williams
 James Williams
 Jessica Williams
 Greg Williamson
 Martin Wind
 Ben Wolfe
 David Wong
 Rickey Woodard
 *Phil Woods
 Allen Youngblood



TO APPLY

Candidates are encouraged to apply online by April 15, 2024. We seek experienced and enthusiastic applicants willing to make a 3-5 year commitment to the position, beginning in 2025. Centrum will announce its appointee at the 2024 Jazz Port Townsend workshop, July 22-28, 2024.

Select applicants will be invited to interview, online, this spring. Finalists will be interviewed in-person, where possible.

Please submit the following materials for review by our committee:

- 1.) An up-to-date resume or reasonable substitute.
- 2.) An artist statement addressing (a) your interest in this position, (b) your experience and commitment to arts education and/or lifelong learning, and (c) a list of three attributes that will define your tenure as Artistic Director of Jazz Port Townsend and a short statement describing why these attributes are important to you and our workshop.
- 3.) Three references, with contact information and affiliation with your work. Applicants will be notified before Centrum contacts any references.



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APPLY TO:

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Top: Dawn Clement and Sachal Vasandani, 2023
 Left: [Top] Student vocalist, 2023
 [Bottom] Nightly "Faculty Presents" performances in The Wheeler Theater are private sessions tailored for the participants. Artistic risk-taking is on full display.
 Back: Participant bassist, 2023

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