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DEPAUL VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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Mary Patricia Gannon Concert Hall 2330 North Halsted Street • Chicago

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PROGRAM

Vincent Rose, Larry Owens; arr. Darmon Meader Linger Awhile

Rosana Eckert, Peter Eldridge, Gary Eckert; arr. Liz Townsend Sailing Home

featuring Reagan Lavelle, dancer Jazz Dow, costume designer

Fred Fisher, Doris Fisher; arr. Jeremy Siskind, adapt./arr. Zach Yaholkovsky Whispering Grass

Jack King, Dorothy Parker; arr. Lizzi Trumbore How Am I to Know?

Cole Porter; arr. Tamir Hendelman I Concentrate On You

featuring John Kaster, Jaden Palensky, and Diego Rodriguez

Kate McGarry; arr. Kathryn Sherman Losing Strategy #4 (Retaliation)

Betty Carter; arr. Matt Falker **Tight**

BIOGRAPHIES

Kathryn (Kat) Sherman is a jazz vocalist, composer, arranger, and teaching artist based in Chicago, IL.

Performing regularly in duo settings, with small combos, and with big bands, Kat has released recordings with jazz bassist Hannah Marks (Alone Together) and math rock band Giraffe House (Folding Chair Fathers, Leafy Greens, Toxic, Passenger). She is currently composing and arranging music for her debut album as a bandleader, which will be recorded in Fall 2025 and released in Spring 2026. Kat also works regularly as a studio vocalist, recording choral demos and jazz ensemble projects in studios across the Midwest and from her home studio.

With significant experience directing vocal jazz ensembles and contemporary vocal groups, Kat also regularly works as a composer and arranger, creating custom works for middle, high school, and collegiate groups across the country. In particular, she writes often for SSAA, SAB, and SATB choirs, and groups under her direction/performing her work have been awarded Downbeat Student Music Awards and performed on significant stages, like at the Jazz Education Network conference and various state honors vocal jazz ensembles. In 2025, Kat was commissioned by the Jazz Education Network to compose a piece to be premiered at their 2026 conference.

In demand as an ensemble director, voice teacher, and clinician, Kat is on the Jazz Studies faculty at DePaul University, teaching applied jazz voice lessons, directing the Downbeat-award winning DePaul Vocal Jazz Ensemble and a small jazz combo, and teaching several Group Jazz Piano and Jazz Ear Training courses. In 2025, she was awarded the Monsignor Kenneth J. Velo Distinguished Professorship, an honor for which she was nominated by her colleagues. She has given masterclasses on a variety of performance and arranging/ compositional topics at JazzVoice.com, Indiana University, the Illinois Music Educators Association, and Anchor Music's Vocal Jazz Academy. Kathryn is passionate about building an inclusive learning environment, where she helps all students build a diverse set of skills to prepare them for a wide variety of future career opportunities. Previously, she worked as a small ensemble coach at Indiana University and with Bloomington Expressive Arts Training (BEAT) as a staff arranger, vocal director, and member of the BEAT band.

Kat holds a MM in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas and a BM in Jazz Studies from Indiana University.

Lin Batsheva Kahn is Director of Dance, dance faculty at The Theatre School, and a productive choreographer who created MusicDance En-sem'-ble, a performance group of established and emerging musicians and dancers. Numerous collaborations with the School of Music include Viktoria Vizin's 'Aldegunda', 'Selections from Bach's Unaccompanied Cello Suite' with cellist Stephen Balderston, DePaul Opera Theatre 'Marriage of Figaro' with Harry Balderston and 'Dido and Aeneas' with Eric Esparza and Jason Moy. She created a sitespecific piece POUR with Grammy award-winning Third Coast Percussion called "brilliant in every conceivable way" and will choreograph a new work to original music by graduate composition student Kyle Craven in 2026. Her piece 'in-light' was performed at Harvest Chicago Contemporary Dance Festival accompanied by student violinist Ben Koenig. Lin's new work 'Doing' and 'in-to light' will be performed at The Theatre School 100th Anniversary Gala. Recipients of many DePaul grants, she brought in professional Elijah Richardson who dances with South Chicago Dance Theatre to create a filmed piece with a Cinematic Arts graduate student and 3 dance students under a Vincentian Endowment Fund and Steans Center Community Partnership. An Excellence in Teaching Honoree, she also received a DePaul/Art Institute Innovation in Teaching award. Lin holds a BFA in Modern Dance from University of Illinois: Champaign. a Masters in Dance, Theatre, and Communication from Kent State University and a Masters in Contemporary Dance from Case Western Reserve University.

Personnel

Meghan Krueger, soprano 1 Larrigan Saindon, soprano 1 Roya Zaucha, soprano 2 Caroline Derango, alto 1 Alyssa Hanson, alto 2 Lizzi Trumbore, alto 2 Beatrice Lighthiser, tenor Ace Martey, tenor Robert Oboza, baritone Roman Zemaitis, baritone

John Kaster, piano Jaden Palensky, upright bass Diego Rodriguez, drums & cymbals

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