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INSTRUMENTS

Tenor Saxophone Alto Saxophone Soprano Saxophone Baritone Saxophone Piano Voice



ΒΙΟ

Nate Topo has established himself as a well-known artist in the Detroit music scene. He just released his debut album, featuring Detroit Jazz greats, Scott Gwinnell, Chuck Newsome, Gayelynn McKinney, Vincent Chandler, and Ralphe Armstrong, among others. Ralphe once said of Nate, "He sounds like Joe Henderson on the doggone tenor saxophone." Nate has spent the past few years organizing jam sessions in Detroit's Eastern Market and Cass Corridor, and has welcomed special guests like Martha Reeves and James Carter. James even gave Nate the nickname, "Mr. True-Tone." Whether He's singing or playing his 105-year-old saxophone, Nate strives to honor the history of his art form and the city of Detroit in his performances.

EMPLOYMENT

DETROIT SAVOY *Detroit, MI December 2023-present* Lead various ensembles that specialize in multiple genres, including dinner music, Jazz, R&B, funk, and Motown. Weekly performances.

DETROIT WAYNE MUSIC STUIDO *Eastpointe, MI December 2023-present* Saxophone instructor for beginner and intermediate students.

WALTONWOOD ASSISTED LIVING *Royal Oak, MI December 2022-present* Twice monthly performances on piano and saxophone for residents.

BELMAR ASSISTED LIVING *Troy, MI May 2023-present* Monthly performances on piano and saxophone for residents.

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT Detroit, MI September 2023-June 2024 Weekly performance.

BERT'S MOTOWN BISTRO Detroit, MI July 2022-July 2023 Organized a weekly jam session in Detroit's Eastern Market.

BOODLES Madison Heights, MI July 2021-December 2022 Twice-weekly shows performing on piano and saxophone.

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Jesuit *Detroit, MI May 2023* Summa cum laude

HONORS & AWARDS

J.C. Heard All-Stars 2022 & 2023

MICHIGAN HS All-Stars 2022 & 2023

U of M JAZZ AMBASSADORS 2022

HUG DETROIT Emerging Artist 2022

MISC

REPAIR TECHNICIAN 2022-present

NOTABLE VENUES

METRO DETROIT Aretha's Jazz Cafe October 2022, December 2022, August 2023, November 2023, August 2024 Westland Blues, Brews, & Barbecue August 2024 Blue Llama Jazz Club July 2022, September 2023, January 2024, March 2024, July 2024 Fishbones Greektown January 2024, March 2024, July 2024 Sterlingfest July 2024 A2 Summer Fest June 2024 Greater Detroit Jazz Society December 2023, June 2024 Baker's Keyboard Lounge December 2023, January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024 Cliff Bells July 2022, July 2023, April 2024 Marble Bar August 2023, February 2024 Detroit Jazz Festival 2022 & 2023 Michigan Jazz Festival 2022 & 2023 Arts, Beats & Eats 2023 **Dally in the Alley 2023** Concert of Colors 2023 Music Hall December 2023 **Detroit Institute of Arts** December 2023 Meadowbrook Mansion June 2023

LOS ANGELES Yahir *May 2023* The Lighthouse *May 2023* Harvelle's *May 2023*

NEW ORLEANS Palm Court April 2022 Zony Mash Beer Project April 2022

PRESS

WDIV LIVE IN THE D Music Monday, *July 2024 and November 2022*

CBS DETROIT June 2024

WXYZ 90 Year History of Baker's Keyboard Lounge, February 2024

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

DETROIT FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS 2022-present

REFERENCES

Available on request