received his Master of Music degree in jazz and contemporary media from the Eastman School of Music. His undergraduate study was at the University of Oregon, where he is now assistant professor of jazz piano and associate director of jazz studies.

Tyler Abbott is active both as a classical and jazz bassist, performing in several groups across the Pacific Northwest. A member of the Eugene Symphony, he also performs with the Spokane Symphony, the Oregon Mozart Players, OFAM’s American Symphonietta, and many other groups in the region. As a jazz bassist, Abbott regularly performs with some of the Northwest’s finest musicians. He holds an undergraduate degree in composition and a master’s degree in music theory and has taught in the music department of Walla Walla College. Abbott is currently an adjunct instructor of classical double bass at the School of Music.

Jason Palmer is a freelance musician based in the northwestern United States. Equally comfortable in a plethora of genres, his jazz performances have included collaborations with Bobby Shew, John Zorn, John Hollenbeck, Marvin Stamm, Dave Pietro, Nancy King, Gary Versace, and others. He has studied with Gary Hobbs, Alan Jones, and Jeff Ballard. Palmer received his Master of Music degree in jazz studies from the University of Oregon.

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Saxophonist Matt Pivec has performed with some of the great artists of jazz and popular music, including: Ray Charles, The Temptations, Peter Erskine, Maria Schneider, the Rochester Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, and the national touring companies of Hairspray, 42nd Street, and The Producers. As a bandleader and soloist, Pivec has performed at festivals and venues throughout the United States. Equally adept as a classical saxophonist, he collaborated with composer Michael Cunningham on a 1999 recording of Cunningham's recital pieces for saxophone. During the project, Matt demonstrated his versatility by recording works on soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones. In 2003, he gave the world premiere performance of Michael Hay’s Blues in Three Parts. Pivec received the B.M.E. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. There, he served as lead alto saxophone of the nationally acclaimed Jazz Ensemble I, which was recognized twice as the top collegiate jazz ensemble by Downbeat magazine. He received his D.M.A. in saxophone performance and literature, and M.M. in jazz studies and contemporary media degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. While at Eastman, Pivec studied with Ramon Ricker and served as lead alto saxophone of the Eastman Jazz Ensemble. He received several student honors including the outstanding blues/pop/rock soloist from Downbeat magazine, the Arts Leadership Certificate, and the outstanding Teaching Assistant award. Currently, Pivec is the coordinator of jazz studies at California State University – Stanislaus. Prior to his appointment at CSU – Stanislaus, he taught at Cornell University and the University of Wisconsin – Stout. A committed educator, Pivec enjoys teaching saxophone and jazz to students of all ages.

Toby Koenigsberg has performed throughout the United States, including in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Nevada, Texas, Wisconsin, Oregon, and Washington, as well as in Paris, France, in Alberta and Ontario in Canada, and in Japan. He has performed with such jazz musicians and ensemble leaders as Marian McPartland, Rich Perry, Ben Monder, Nancy King, and Bill Holman. He tours regularly with the Toby Koenigsberg Trio, having performed at the Rochester International Jazz Festival, Jazz Festival Calgary, the Tony Williams Jazz Festival, the Portland Jazz Festival, and elsewhere. His most recent CD, Sense (Origin Records), garnered praise from Cadence, the All Music Guide, and All About Jazz, among other publications, and has received airplay on dozens of radio stations throughout the United States. His first CD, Push, features Koenigsberg with saxophone great Rich Perry. Koenigsberg