

THE MASTER OF MUSIC IN JAZZ STUDIES

with an Emphasis in Composition-Performance

The California Jazz Conservatory Master of Music in Jazz Studies is a two-year, 60-credit degree program for the 21st century jazz composer-performer taught by preeminent resident and visiting artists-educators.

The program is structured around the small ensemble, providing the professional-level jazz musician with a creative platform to both compose and perform original work.

MASTER OF MUSIC CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

The CJC awards the Master of Music degree in Jazz Studies to both instrumental and vocal students who satisfactorily complete 60 credits of study divided among courses in Composition (24 credits), Performance (8 credits), Theory (6 credits), History (3 credits), Musicianship (4 credits), Humanities (3 credits), Pedagogy (3 credits), Studio Recording (3) and Electives (6 credits). (See Course Planner on page 59.)

Courses Include:

- **Applied Lessons in Composition (4 credits);**
- **Jazz Composition Seminar (4 credits);**
- **The Jazz Composer-Performer Ensemble (8 credits);**
- **Form and Analysis: Work of 21st Century Jazz Composers from 1920 to the Present (8 credits);**
- **Form and Analysis: Work by Late 19th and 20th Century Composers (2 credits);**
- **Jazz Arranging (3 credits);**

- **Advanced Counterpoint (3 credits);**
- **History of Twentieth Century Music (3 credits);**
- **Advanced Rhythmic Concepts (3 credits);**
- **Applied Lessons (4 credits);**
- **Advanced Jazz Theory and Improvisation (3 credits);**
- **Studio Recording (3 credits);**
- **Teaching Artistry (3 credit);**
- **Pedagogy (3 credits);**
- **Elective Courses (6 credits)**

(See course descriptions starting on page 31.)

In addition, performances are scheduled at the end of each semester and are open to the public; Jazz festivals and national and international tours are scheduled for degree program candidates.

Residency Requirements

The residency requirement for the Master of Music in Jazz Studies is four semesters over a two-year period.

Juries

Master's students are required to take one jury at the conclusion of their first year. The purpose of the jury is to evaluate students' progress relative to the material covered in the first year of the master's program.

Final Project

Master's students must complete a Final Project comprising a performance of original compositions and/or arrangements in a full-length concert open to the public to graduate.

Jazz is a good barometer of freedom... In its beginnings, the United States of America spawned certain ideals of freedom and independence through which, eventually, jazz evolved, and the music is so free that many people say it is the only unhampered, unhindered expression of complete freedom yet produced in this country.

— Duke Ellington

Performance

Master’s students perform publicly a minimum of twice per year. Performances include concerts at the CJC, dates at clubs throughout the Bay Area, and appearances at specially scheduled events

Additionally, master’s students have the opportunity to attend over one hundred concerts and workshops scheduled at the CJC throughout the year free of charge. The CJC Concert Series features a range of local, national and international artists. Recent visiting artists of note have included Darryl Jones, Theo Bleckmann, Edward Simon, Kate McGarry, Brian Blade, Mark Russo, Ethan Iverson, Chico Pinheiro and many others.

Tuition – Instrumentalists and Vocalists

Full-time enrollment (12 credits and above / 4 semesters): \$80,000

Part-time enrollment (11 credits or fewer / 4 semesters): \$93,000

Note: Tuition is subject to change based on current social and economic conditions.

Financial Aid

To apply for financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) at www.fafsa.gov. There are two types of Federal Direct Loans available for students pursuing a master’s degree:

- Direct Unsubsidized Loans — Eligible students may borrow up to \$20,500 per school year. The fixed interest rate for the 2019-2020 academic year is 6.08%.
- Direct GradPLUS Loans — Eligible graduate students who need to borrow more than the maximum unsubsidized loan amounts to cover the cost of tuition, plus assistance with living expenses may apply for a GradPLUS loan. A credit check will be completed during the application process. Borrowers who have an adverse credit history must meet additional requirements to qualify. The fixed interest rate for the 2019-2020 academic year is 7.08%.

Repayment of both loans begins 6 months after graduation or less than half-time enrollment. Loan interest begins to accrue at the time of disbursement. *For additional information about federal student loans, visit www.StudentAid.gov/loans.*

