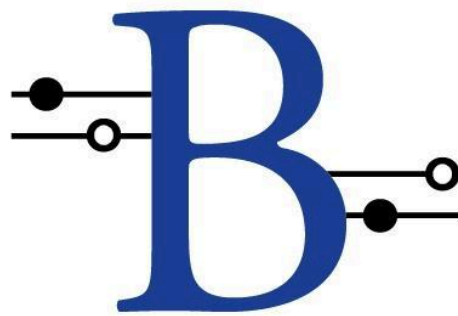


Brainerd Music Department Presents:

The Spring Jazz Showcase



BRAINERD MUSIC

Featuring:

FMS 7th Grade “Jazz Warriors”

FMS 8th Grade “Warrior Blues”

Chuck Carlson and Jessica Moats, *conductors*

BHS Jazz Ensembles II, and III

Christopher Fogderud and Michael Sommerness, *conductors*

And BHS Jazz Ensemble I with

Special Guest Artist: Kenni Holmen

Thursday May 14, 2026 - 7:00pm

Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd High School

702 S 5th St. · Brainerd, MN

B PROGRAM **B**

FMS 7th Grade Jazz Warriors

Killer Joe **Benny Golson/arr. Michael Sweeney**

Soloists: Gustin Sjostrand, alto; Kaydence Pliscott, trombone

What A Wonderful World **G.D. Weiss & Bob Thiele/arr. Stitzel**

You've Got A Friend In Me **Randy Newman/arr. Rick Stitzel**

Soloists: Will Porter - Trumpet

FMS 8th Grade Warrior Blues

Come Fly With Me **James Van Huesen / arr. Rick Stitzel**

Georgia On My Mind **Hoagy Carmichael/arr. Michael Sweeney**

Soloists: Emma Hespen - tenor sax, The Trombone Section

Chameleon **Herbie Hancock / arr. Michael Sweeney**

Soloists: Raymond Mattern - alto sax, Journey Nordin - trumpet

BHS Jazz Ensemble III

Sweetie Pie **Jerry Tolson / arr. Peter Blair**

Soloists: Ashlyn Foy - alto

When I Fall in Love **Young / arr. Craig Skeffington**

Amazing Grace **arr. Dave Rivello**

Soloist: Adair Sawyer - tenor

BHS Jazz Ensemble II

Bésame Mucho **Consuelo Velazquez / arr. Mike Tomaro**

Featuring Layla Jensen - trombone & Juvan Castle - tenor

Soloists: Neil Branster - trombone, Sydney Aulie - tenor, Mordecai Jensen

Straighten Up and Fly Right **Nat King Cole and Irving Mills**

Featuring Ella Dunn

Soloists: Syd Aulie - tenor

Brooklyn **Young Blood Brass Band**

Featuring: Layla Jensen, Abby Isaacson- Trombone and George Hillstrom - tuba

Soloists: Mordecai Jensen - alto; Abby Isaacson - trombone; Juvan Castle - tenor, Oliver Schack - drums

B PROGRAM B

BHS Jazz Ensemble I

This Could Be the Start of Something Big arr. Mark Taylor

Soloists: Isaac Boesen - tenor; Logan Daniels - trumpet; Owen Olsen - alto;
Arabelle Boesen - trombone; Carter Maciej - drums

Moon Over Cuba Juan Tizol / arr. Duke Ellington

Soloists: Carter Maciej - piano; Arabelle Boesen - trombone;
Owen Olsen - alto; Isaac Boesen - tenor

Freedom Jazz Dance Eddie Harris / arr. Eric Richards

Soloist: Isaac Boesen - tenor; Elijah Hayes - alto; Owen Olsen - alto; Mordecai Jensen - bari;
Juvan Castle - tenor; Logan Daniels - trumpet; Mia Sypneiski - bass; Oliver Schack - drums

Channel One Suite Bill Reddie / ad. Tom Davis

*Featuring Kenni Holmen - Tenor Saxophone
and Carter Maciej - Drums*

Soloists: Owen Olsen - alto; Logan Daniels - trumpet

Ballade Rick Cornish

Featuring Kenni Holmen - Soprano Saxophone

Indigo Hippo Mike Collins-Dowden

*Featuring Kenni Holmen - Tenor Saxophone
and the BHS Jazz I Saxophone Section*

Kenni Holmen



KENNI HOLMEN is one of the most active recording and touring musicians from the Twin Cities area. Kenni has performed and recorded with many local, national and international artists over his twenty year career.

Kenni has performed with Michael Bolton, Celine Dion, Johnny Mathis, Tony Bennett, T.C. Monk, Dizzy Gillespie, Donny Osmond, The Rev. Billy Graham Crusade, The Glen Miller Orchestra, Doc Severinson, Garrison Keilor, The Minnesota Orchestra and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra just to name a few. Kenni has recorded with Janet Jackson, Rod Stewart, Prince, Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Ben Sidran, Baby Face, Mandy Moore, and many others.

In addition to recording album projects and jingles, Kenni also writes, co-produces and has performed with New Age artist Lorie Line since 1993.

This includes a performance at The White House in the fall of 2000. Kenni was voted "Best Tenor Sax Player" by Twin Cities Reader magazine. Kenni is

also featured with Prince's horn section called "The HornHeads" who have toured throughout the United States and Europe since 1992.

**A huge thank you to Holiday Inn and Suites
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BHS Jazz Ensemble III

Alto Saxophone

Ashlyn Foy
Cam Janssen

Tenor Saxophone

Adair Sawyer
Lauralyn Krueger

Baritone Saxophone

Micayla Caughey

Clarinet

Andrea Diede
Adalee Twardy

Trumpet

Miriam Mohernweiser
Henry Verripes
Clarie Stueber

Trombone

Neil Branster
Lillia Heilman
Eric Fordyce (+tuba)

Rhythm Section

Maddie Ball - piano
Quinn Rosenberg - bass
Lucas Blair - vibes/drums
Abigail Blair - vibes/drums
Thomas Verrips -
vibes/drums
Mac Chandler -
vibes/drums

BHS Jazz Ensemble II

Alto Saxophone

Mordecai Jensen
Owen Olsen

Tenor Saxophone

Juvan Castle
Syd Aulie

Tuba

George Hilstrom

Trombone

Wyatt Kuepers
Cedric Capistrant
Abigail Isaacson
Neil Branster
Layla Jensen
Elise Henderson

Trumpet

Maddi Klukus
Sam Manecke
Thomas Rhode

Rhythm Section

Elijah Hayes - piano
Avery Vosika - Bass
Oliver Schack -
Vibes/drums
George Hillstrom-
Drums

BHS Jazz Ensemble I

Alto Saxophone

Owen Olsen
Elijah Hayes

Tenor Saxophone

Isaac Boesen
Juvan Castle

Bari Saxophone

Mordacai Jensen

Trumpet

Jillian McArdell
Logan Daniels
Peter Ruether
Thomas Rhode

Trombone

Arabelle Boesen
Abigail Isaacson
Ethan Stay
Nicholas Moraghan
Blake Fenstad

Rhythm Section

Mia Sypneiski - Bass/Perc
Elsie Predmore - Bass/Perc
Carter Maciej -
Drums/Perc/Piano
Oliver Schack -
Drums/Perc/Piano
Nico Young - Guitar

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FMS 7th Grade “Jazz Warriors”

Alto Saxophone

Gustin Sjostrand
Ivan Soxman
Avery Moen
Alexa Baloga
Nora Rangen

Tenor Sax

Jack Campbell

Clarinet

Ella Reese
Kylee Nelson

Baritone

Gavin Agre

Flute

Kaylin Vesely
Amelia Holbrook
Rayna Baillif
Anna Slaughter
Audrey Nelson
Anabel Altrichter

Trumpet

Cora Buckhouse
William Delaney
Marley Gress
Levi Hanske
Weston Kotke
Logan Moats
Fancesca Osafo
Will Porter

Trombone

Cooper Larson
Henry Erickson
Kaydence Pliscott
Oskar Lund
Ethan Nyiri
Connor Tweed

Rhythm Section

Luke Derhaag - Piano
Ezra Yenter - Drums
Max Bussler - Drums
Andrew Rivera - Drums
David Aduroja - Drums
Juniper Longseth - Drums
Zachary Drees - Key Bass
Mrs. Moats - Key Bass

FMS 8th Grade “Warrior Blues”

Alto Saxophone

Raymond Mattern
Bennett Isaacson
Zach Brown
Declan Kuepers
Theo Bjerketvedt

Tenor Saxophone

Emma Hespen
Colby Phillips

Baritone Saxophone

Teddy Johnson

Flute

Aayana Rogers
Rylee Nines
Lily Cerise
Lauren Chock
Lily Wonders
Madi Lugo

Clarinet

Emily Wermter
Alicianna Rasmussen Heyer
Sloane Zelinske
Isabella Austin
Zadie Borle

Trumpet

Journey Nordin
Lucas Ball
Aiden Miller
Lucas Anderson
Brody Debeltz
Corbin Churchill

Trombone

Jon Stimac
Samuel Knoepke
Norman Majka
Samuel Sundberg
Oliver Martinson
Tyler Roberts

Rhythm Section

Brooke Wymore - Drums /
Keyboard Bass
Henry Sjostrand - Drum /
Keyboard Bass
Emily Smith - Piano
Gus Hanske - Vibes