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2018 SAN JOSE JAZZ  
**WINTER  
FEST**  
PRESENTED BY METRO

**San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2018, Presented by Metro**

**Thursday, February 15 - Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

**Cafe Stritch, Schultz Cultural Arts Hall at Oshman Family JCC (Palo Alto), The Hammer Theatre,  
Art Boutiki, Hedley Club @ Hotel De Anza, and other venues in Downtown San Jose, CA**

**Event Info: [sanjosejazz.org/winterfest](http://sanjosejazz.org/winterfest)**

**Tickets: \$5 - \$40, Fest Pass: \$260**

*"Winter Fest has turned into an opportunity to reprise the summer's most exciting acts,  
while reaching out to new audiences with a jazz-and-beyond sensibility." –KQED Arts*

**Newly Confirmed Programming:**

**Osunlade Residency at The Continental**

**Presented by Universal Grammar, The Continental & San Jose Jazz**

**Featuring**

**Osunlade, supported by Madison McFerrin, Chale Brown, Shea Butter, The CME, Mark PISTK, Julius Papp**

**Third Thursday: Jazz and Beyond @ San Jose Museum of Art**

**Featuring**

**Cyrus Chestnut In Conversation,**

**Sound Painting Interactive Experience,**

**SJZ High School All Stars U19s,**

**Mason Razavi**

**Mino Yanci**

**Newly Confirmed Acts:**

**SJZ Collective with Wally Schnalle, Hristo Vitchev, John L. Worley, Jr., Oscar Pangilinan, Brian Ho, Saúl  
Sierra**

**Hip Spanic Allstars**

**Orquesta Latin Heat**

**San Jose, Calif.** – Internationally renowned for its annual SJZ Summer Fest, the iconic Bay Area institution **San Jose Jazz** kicks off 2018 with dynamic arts programming honoring the jazz tradition and ever-expanding definitions of the genre with singular concerts curated for audiences within the heart of Silicon Valley. **San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2018, Presented by Metro** features some of today's most distinguished artists alongside leading edge emerging musicians with an ambitious lineup of more than 25 concerts from February 15 - 28, 2018. Tickets to San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2018 are now on sale ranging in price from \$5 - \$40; a

Fest Pass is available for \$260, and select shows are free admission. For detailed ticket information as well as updates on the artists and performance schedule, please visit: [sanjosejazz.org/winterfest](http://sanjosejazz.org/winterfest).

On February 15, Winter Fest 2018's opening night is a must-experience music roundup of the best the city has to offer with San Jose Jazz pulling out all the stops for a celebratory inauguration of 14 nights of entertainment. From a special collaboration with **San Jose Museum of Art for their *Third Thursday*** featuring piano maestro Cyrus Chestnut and ***Sonic Runway Experiments in Sound*** at San Jose City Hall, to Brooklyn's emerging superstar **Madison McFerrin** and renowned house DJ **Osunlade** at The Continental, don't miss one of the Bay Area's biggest nights in A&E happening in downtown San Jose.

San Jose Jazz curates a dazzling opening night at San Jose Museum of Art's *Third Thursday* with ***Jazz & Beyond*** (5pm – 9pm) showcasing a special festival kickoff in the Wendell Center with ***Cyrus Chestnut In Conversation*** (6pm; Chestnut plays a full set with his Trio at Cafe Stritch at 8pm). This followed by a set with the **SJZ High School All Stars U19s**. At 8pm, a performance by Summer Fest jazz beyond band **Mino Yanci** will get the crowd on their feet for a soulful set over-pouring with R&B/hip-hop dance grooves. Public spaces throughout the museum will be enriched with live performances by jazz guitarist **Mason Razavi** while the interactive ***Sound Painting*** engagement activity in the Museum lobby allows people to create artwork from electro-conductive paints.

On Thursday, February 15 from 5:30-6:30 pm, acclaimed drummer Will Calhoun will perform on the *Sonic Runway*, a sound-powered light-art installation in front of San Jose City Hall at 200 East Santa Clara Street. *Sonic Runway* was created by artists Rob Jensen and Warren Trezevant for the 2016 Burning Man festival as a visualization of the speed of sound and is now on display in San Jose through March 9. Will Calhoun is performing on the *Sonic Runway* as part of the Thursday night activation series, *Experiments in Sound*, organized by the San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs.

The ***Jazz Beyond*** series, co-curated in partnership with San Jose Jazz and local production house **Universal Grammar**, presents buzzy young stars pushing the boundaries of jazz, soul and hip-hop. For Winter Fest 2018 at The Continental, the messiah of ancestral house music **Osunlade (Yoruba Records)** headlines a three-night residency from February 15-17 featuring Brooklyn's emerging superstar Madison McFerrin as well as **The Changing Same** residents **Chale Brown, Shea Butter, The CME, Mark PISTK, and Julius Papp**. For a detailed performance schedule, please visit: [sanjosejazz.org/winterfest](http://sanjosejazz.org/winterfest).

In its debut show on February 22 at Cafe Stritch, the newly minted **SJZ Collective** showcases Silicon Valley's top musicians performing in tribute to **Thelonious Monk** with ***SJZ Collective Reimagines Monk***. The ever-evolving group of master players has performed all over the country--including SJZ's Summer and Winter Fests--and are core instructors at San Jose Jazz's ***Summer Jazz Camp*** (June 18–29, 2018). The brainchild of drummer **Wally Schnalle**, the ensemble performs live singular arrangements scribed by each member.

Born out of San Francisco's Mission District, the **Hip Spanic Allstars** create an amazing blend of 1970s Chicano rock while infusing the funk scene that brought us **Santana, War** and **Tower of Power**. A musical collaboration between longtime friends **Happy Sanchez, Karl Perazzo (Santana), Norbert Stachel** and **Mic Gillette (Tower of Power)**, **Dave Shul (Michael Franti and Spearhead)** and **Jay Lane (Primus)**, the Hip Spanic Allstars bring their powerhouse live show to the Deluxe Eatery on February 16. Admission is free. San Jose Jazz Winter Fest also co-presents an appearance by popular Bay Area dance band **Orquesta Latin Heat** at Gordon Biersch Restaurant's series *Boogaloo Sundays* (February 25; \$5 at the door).

#### **Artist Lineup Announcement -- San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2018, Presented by Metro:**

San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2018, Presented by Metro encompasses the South First Street arts district in downtown San Jose, and for the third year expands to Palo Alto and new for this year to The Hammer Theatre and Art Boutiki. With new performance venues, bars and restaurants joining many existing cultural institutions, Winter Fest 2018 showcases San Jose's vitality as an arts mecca.

"Winter Fest allows us to present outstanding artists in a wide variety of venues reflecting the diversity of our Summer Fest, but on a smaller scale," said SJZ Festival and Artistic Director Bruce Labadie. "This year we are excited to be working with two venues new to Winter Fest -- the Hammer Theatre and Art Boutiki. We add these to venues Winter Fest audiences have already enjoyed -- Cafe Stritch and the Osher Family JCC in Palo Alto. With these venues we can ring Silicon Valley with performances and provide our audience with different concert experiences ranging from standing dance shows like KNOWER and La Misa Negra at the Art Boutiki; Dee Dee Bridgewater with the SJSU Jazz Orchestra at the exquisite Hammer Theatre; and major touring artists like Cyrus Chestnut, Benny Green, Veronica Swift and Mark Guiliana in the perfect jazz club vibe of Cafe Stritch."

San Jose Jazz proudly presents the following artists at Winter Fest 2018: **Dee Dee Bridgewater with the SJSU Jazz Orchestra; Cyrus Chestnut Trio; Knower; International Guitar Night w/ Lulo Reinhardt, Calum Graham, Marek Pasieczny and Michael**

**Chapdelaine; Masters of Hawaiian Music w/ George Kahumoku Jr., Led Kaapana & Jeff Peterson; Mike Clark's Four and More; Mark Guiliana Jazz Quartet; A Circle Has No Beginning by Sameer Gupta Featuring David Boyce; Veronica Swift Featuring the Benny Green Trio; Jacob Jolliff Band; Loston Harris; Organ Extravaganza with Ronnie Foster; La Misa Negra; Osunlade; Madison McFerrin; Chale Brown; Shea Butter; The CME; Mark PISTK; Julius Papp; SJZ Collective with Wally Schnalle, Hristo Vitchev, John Worley, Oscar Pangilinin, Brian Ho, and Saul Sierra; Hip Spanic Allstars; Orquesta Latin Heat; Mino Yanci; and some of the Bay Area's premier youth jazz ensembles.**

### **Highlights of Newly Confirmed Artists:**

**Osunlade** personifies art, and his music creates unified melodies manifested with balance, life and wisdom. Hailing from St. Louis Missouri, a place known for pioneering blues, ragtime and jazz, Osunlade produced the very first album for the then independent Interscope Records—**Gerardo's Mo' Ritmo**, featuring the smash hit "**Rico Suave.**" Over the past two decades, Osunlade has run Yoruba Records, which is recognized as one of the most important dance music labels worldwide. Known for his legendary DJ sets, remixes and albums, Osunlade's music has been introduced to a wide spectrum of listeners, and this veteran musician/composer/producer/artist is ready to throw down an unforgettable dance set at Winter Fest 2018.

A singer/songwriter based in Brooklyn, **Madison McFerrin** is the daughter of **Bobby McFerrin** and sister of **Taylor McFerrin**. In December 2016, Madison released her debut solo EP **Finding Foundations: Vol. I**, which introduced her R&B/soul take on a cappella to the world. Critics and crowds quickly took note. **The New York Times** remarked how her sound "shows wonderful vocal dexterity, deftly swerving from sharp, clearly enunciated staccato bursts to fluttery, free-form melismata." After one listen, taste-making DJ **Gilles Peterson** snatched up her standout track, "No Time to Lose," for the latest installment of his Brownswood Bubblers series.

One of the great American composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, **Thelonious Monk** recorded over 70 original compositions, many of which had quite the impression on Silicon Valley drummer and **DRUM!** Magazine contributing editor **Wally Schnalle**. He notes, "Monk's quirky rhythmic sense connected with me in tunes like 'Well You Needn't,' 'Green Chimneys' and 'Evidence.' But it's also the rich harmonic content of tunes like 'Round Midnight' and 'Monk's Mood' that truly resonate." To continue last year's centennial celebration of Monk, SJZ Collective will perform original arrangements of famous songs, such as "Straight No Chaser," "Round Midnight," "Teo and Shuffle Boil," "Bolivar Blues," and many others. SJZ Collective features **Wally Schnalle** (drums), **Hristo Vitchev** (guitar), **John L. Worley, Jr.** (trumpet), **Oscar Pangilinin** (saxophone), **Brian Ho** (Hammond B3), and **Saúl Sierra** (bass).

Drawing from their shared experiences in the Mission District to create an amazing blend of Latin, jazz, funk and world music, the **Hip Spanic Allstars** mix multiple genres into a melodic and rhythmic gumbo. Their debut album, **JazzyAfroLatinFunk**, was released in 2015 and the primarily studio entity finally comes together to perform live at Winter Fest 2018. The Hip Spanic Allstars' debut performance was a high-energy set at the 2017 Fillmore Street Jazz festival that Jason Olaine, the festival's Talent Coordinator described as "killing it!"

San Jose Jazz Winter Fest co-presents an appearance by popular Bay Area dance band **Orquesta Latin Heat** at Gordon Biersch Restaurant's series **Boogaloo Sundays**. If your salsa dancing is a bit rusty, come early for a dance lesson or stop by the show for sizzling salsa, merengue and cumbia originals and classics performed by one of the Bay Area's best dance bands.

Maintaining a focus on the future of jazz, San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2018, Presented by Metro offers its own **Next Gen Stage** at Café Stritch, featuring seven of the finest regional youth jazz ensembles. Highlighted are the San Jose Jazz High School All Stars led by GRAMMY® Award-winning saxophonist, composer and educator Dr. Aaron Lington. Other youth ensembles include: Kuumbwa Jazz Honor Band, Folsom High School Jazz Band, Lincoln High School Jazz Band, Christina Galistaus Quartet, Santa Clara University Jazz Combo, and SJZ High School All Stars U19s.

Sponsors of San Jose Jazz Winter Fest 2018, Presented by Metro include: **KCSM, DownBeat, City of San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs, Jazz Organ Fellowship, Hammer Theatre Center, Oshman Family Jewish Community Center — Palo Alto, Universal Grammar, TourWest, Westaf, The National Endowment for the Arts and Jan De Carli.**

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**When: Thursday, February 15 - Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

**Where: Downtown San Jose, CA & Palo Alto, CA**

**Admission: Concert tickets are \$5 - 40; VIP Pass: \$260; Next Gen student ensemble shows are free; SJZ members receive 10 % off any advance purchase of single tickets.**

**For the Dee Dee Bridgewater performance at SJSU's Hammer Theatre, \$10 Student Rush tickets will be available for SJSU students with ID, at the door, one hour before the performance.**

**More Info: [sanjosejazz.org/winterfest](http://sanjosejazz.org/winterfest); (408) 288-7557**

**Ticket Info: Cash and credit accepted at door**

**About San Jose Jazz**

Founded in 1986, San Jose Jazz is a public benefit corporation celebrating jazz as a dynamic, evolving art form and is producer of the annual San Jose Jazz Summer Fest and Winter Fest. With its singular music programming and innovative educational offerings, San Jose Jazz preserves the jazz tradition while actively supporting the next generation of performers within the genre and beyond. For more information, please visit [sanjosejazz.org](http://sanjosejazz.org).

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Artist interviews and hi-res photos are available upon request.

Winter Fest 2018 artist bios and schedule updates at [sanjosejazz.org/winterfest](http://sanjosejazz.org/winterfest)

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