

Tulane takes Jazz Fest

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Catch assistant director for web communications Katy Hobgood Ray on stage with the Confetti Park Players Thursday, May 3, in the Jazz Fest kids tent. (Photo by Sally Asher)

The New Wave staff has compiled this non-exhaustive list of Tulanians participating in the 2018 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival based on submissions received from a call for festival performers and participants. Be sure to refer to the [official Jazz Fest schedule](#) to confirm dates and times of performance.

Dance

Who: Weiwei Xu will perform with the award-winning New Orleans flamenco company Micaela y Fiesta Flamenca on May 3.

Who: Julia Lang will perform with The Bayou Cloggers on May 6 and be one of two couples performing waltz and polka on May 4 with Glenn Hartman & The Earthtones. Fun fact: Lang appears in this year's promotional video for [Jazz Fest](#). She's at the 20 second mark.

Who: Casey Love in the political science department, will be performing as a back up dancer with cabaret rapper Boyfriend on Saturday, May 5 on the Gentilly Stage.

Vocal

Who: Pamela Johnson will perform Saturday, April 28, with the Archdiocese of New Orleans Gospel Choir in the Gospel Tent. Fun fact: This mass choir consist of choir members from various catholic church parishes.

Who: Yolanda Robinson-Thomas will perform at Jazz Fest on May 3 with Larry Sieberth; May 4 with Topsy Chapman & Solid Harmony and May 5 with w/ Gerald French & the Original Tuxedo Jazz Band. Fun Fact: Robinson sang "Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans" [alongside her mother Topsy Chapman](#) during the 2017 commencement ceremony where she received a master's degree in liberal arts.

Who: Several alumni, including Charlotte Travieso, Marly Sweeney, Michael Pierce and others, will perform with [Shades of Praise](#): The New Orleans Interracial Gospel Choir on Friday, April 27 in the Gospel Tent.

For kids

Who: [Katy Hobgood Ray](#) will play with Confetti Park Players on Thursday, May 3 in the kids tent. Fun Fact: Confetti Park is a kid-friendly radio show and podcast featuring music and children's stories from Louisiana.

Non musicians

Who: Tulane EMS will volunteer in the medical tents and with EMS field crews.

Who: Denise Crochet will serve as the accessibility coordinator for Jazz Fest, read more about her role using American Sign Language to translate music in next week's New Wave!

Who: David Kunian, a 2013 Tulane grad, will interview Kim Wilson on the Alison Miner Heritage Stage on Saturday, April 28.

Who: Danny Albert, adjunct professor in the School of Professional Advancement will serve as Tent Captain for the WWOZ Hospitality Tent.

Art

Who: Mark Rosenbaum, the first recipient of a Master of Fine Arts in glassblowing at Tulane, will show his work in the Contemporary Crafts Tent during the first weekend of the festival.

Who: Mitchell Gaudet, alumnus and owner of Studio Inferno, will show his work during the second weekend in the Contemporary Crafts Tent.

Who: Frank Relle, photographer and alumnus, will show his work during the second weekend.

Musicians

Who: [David Bode](#), Lizbeth Turner, and Larry Jones will perform with the New Leviathan Foxtrot Orchestra. Fun fact: Turner has played with the orchestra at Jazz Fest every year since 1978.

Who: LaQuay Frazier, a graduate student in the School of Professional Advancement, will play Saturday, May 5, with Corey Henry and the Treme Funktet.

Who: Ben Schenck will play clarinet with the [Panorama Jazz Band](#) on Sunday, April 29th. Fun Fact: The band was [previously featured](#) in New Wave.

Who: Jim Markway, director of applied music in the jazz program of the Music Department, will perform with the Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band on May 4, the Dixie Cups on May 5 and the Pfister Sisters on May 6.

Who: Solomon Doyle will play with the Hot 8 Brass Band on Saturday, April 28. Fun Fact: He was featured in New Wave [here](#).

Who: Jesse McBride presents the Next Generation on April 27 in the WWOZ Jazz tent. Fun Fact: Current students and alumni are part of the band.

Who: Alex McMurray will perform with the Tin Men on Saturday, April 28, in the Blues tent.

Who: Dr. Michael White & The Original Liberty Jazz Band featuring Thais Clark will perform Sunday April 29. Fun Fact: White was awarded the Tulane President's Medal in 2014.

Who: Alex McMurray and His Band will play on Thursday, May 3 on the Gentilly Stage

Who: Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue will play Sunday, May 6, on the Acura Stage.

Who: Ellis Marsalis, honorary degree recipient will play on Sunday, May 6 at the WWOZ Jazz Tent.

Who: Denise Frazier will play violin with José Fermín and Merengue 4 on Sunday, May 6 at the Lagniappe Stage.

Who: Tulane alumnus and Galactic bassist Robert Mercurio performs Sunday, May 6 on the Acura Stage.

Who: Javier Olondo of the Tulane music department will play with his band on Sunday, May 6.

Who: Alumnus Adam Matasar will be playing the keyboards this Friday on the Congo Square stage with Batiste Fathers and Sons.

Who: Max Hass, a 2015 law school grad, will play bass during the second weekend of the festival with the Maggie Belle Band.

Missed someone? Let us know by emailing newwave@tulane.edu.



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