





# NATHAN TOKUNAGA

*The joy of swing, today.*

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## ABOUT NATHAN

Nathan Tokunaga is a New York-based clarinetist and saxophonist whose music blends classic jazz traditions with a fresh, modern voice. A 2026 YoungArts® winner in jazz clarinet, he has performed widely at venues and festivals including Smalls Jazz Club, Birdland Theater, Lindy Focus, and the Healdsburg Jazz Festival. His style bridges generations, bringing the joy and spirit of swing into the 21st century.

## QUOTES

*"Beautifully evocative music... delicate and emotive at once"* - Michael Steinman, Jazz Lives

*"Unbelievable, sweetly mellow, much too young to be so good!"* - Jessica Levant, Artist

## PHOTOS & VIDEOS

 [nathantokunaga.com/epk#photos](https://www.nathantokunaga.com/epk#photos)

 YouTube @nathantokunagamusic

## UPCOMING

Smalls Jazz Club, New York City, NY

The Sound Room, Oakland, CA

Lindy Focus, Asheville, NC

## HIGHLIGHTS

Performed hundreds of concerts at venues such as Smalls Jazz Club, Birdland Theater, The Ear Inn, and Mr. Tipple's Jazz Club

Featured at Sacramento Hot Jazz Jubilee, Monterey Jazz Bash by the Bay, Healdsburg, Jazzaffair, and Jazz on the Hill festivals

Leader of Nathan Tokunaga Duo-Sextet, and Nathan's Fearless Five (high school)

Profiled in The Syncopated Times, Jazz Lives, Palo Alto Weekly, and The Almanac; mentioned in The Mercury News

## PRESS COVERAGE

*"Jazz Clarinet Phenom Nathan Tokunaga is Going Places!"* - The Syncopated Times

*"Young jazz musician forges a path playing traditional jazz from the Peninsula to New York."* - Palo Alto Weekly

*"If you know or know of Nathan Tokunaga, the beauty he creates will be no surprise."* - Jazz Lives

*"a precociously gifted clarinetist and saxophonist"* - The Mercury News

## SELECTED ALBUMS

*All the Strings You Are* - Featured soloist; to be released in 2027

*Jazz Is My Lifestyle* - Gunhild Carling, 2024