

# NATHAN TOKUNAGA

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## EDUCATION

The New School, Class of 2029  
Carlmont High School, Class of 2025

## AWARDS

2026 YoungArts® Winner  
Jazz Clarinet  
Jazz Aid Fund Commission Award  
San Jose Jazz, 2025 Grantee  
Jazz at the Ballroom Scholarship  
Jazz at the Ballroom, 2023  
Shape of Jazz to Come Award  
Stanford Jazz Workshop, 2022  
Outstanding Soloist Award  
Stanford Jazz Workshop, 2022  
Superior, Solos & Ensembles  
CMEA Bay Section, 2019

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Jazz Academy  
Jazz at Lincoln Center  
Class of 2025, Class of 2024  
Stanford Jazz Workshop  
Jazz Camp, 2022  
Jazz Institute, 2021

## FESTIVALS

Caramoor Jazz Festival  
Hot Jazz Jubilee, Sacramento  
Healdsburg Jazz Festival  
Jazz on the Hill Festival  
Jazzaffair, Three Rivers  
Monterey Jazz Bash by the Bay  
San Diego Jazz Festival

## BANDLEADER

Nathan Tokunaga Duo–Sextet  
Since November 2022  
Nathan's Fearless Five  
Since October 2021

## SELECTED ENSEMBLES

- The New School Studio Big Band, Tenor Sax and Clarinet
- Stanford Jazz's Miles Ahead Big Band, Lead Alto
- Peninsula Youth Orchestra, Principal Clarinet
- College of San Mateo Big Band, Tenor Sax and Clarinet
- Kyle Athayde Dance Party, Tenor Sax and Clarinet
- Stanford Jazz Orchestra, Clarinet and Alto Sax
- Alex Mendham Orchestra, Tenor Sax and Clarinet
- Jazz at Lincoln Center's Summer Jazz Academy, Clark Terry Big Band directed by Todd Stoll, Tenor Sax and Clarinet
- Jazz at Lincoln Center's Summer Jazz Academy, Milt Hinton Big Band directed by Rodney Whitaker, Tenor Sax and Clarinet
- Stanford Jazz Earshot Combo directed by Wycliffe Gordon
- Advanced Funk Ensemble, California Jazz Conservatory
- Nick Rossi's Jazzopatens: an Ellingtonia Unit
- Cafe Borrone All-Stars since 2021

## SELECTED PERFORMANCES

- Aaron Johnson Boplicity, Smalls Jazz Club, New York
- Lindy Focus Big Band and Small Ensembles, Asheville, NC
- Gunhild Carling Band, Biscuits & Blues, San Francisco
- Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? Bing Concert Hall, Stanford, CA
- The EarRegulars, The Ear Inn, New York
- Louis Armstrong Eternity Band, Birdland Theatre, New York
- Nathan Tokunaga Quintet, Meyhouse Jazz Club, Palo Alto, CA
- Nathan Tokunaga Quartet, San Francisco Bal Haus
- Festival bands, private jazz parties, weddings, galas, private events
- Peninsula Youth Orchestra, Dvorak Hall, Prague

## ALBUMS

- *All the Strings You Are*, Featured Soloist with Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Big Band, to be released in 2027
- *Memories of You*, Nathan's Fearless Five, release date TBD
- *Jazz Is My Lifestyle*, Gunhild Carling Big Band, Aug 2024. *Downbeat* Featured Music
- *Tribute to the Great Ray Ronnei*, Huntington Palace Jazz Band, 2023
- *The Firehouse Five Tribute*, Backdraft Jazz Band, 2023

## VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY

- Musicians in Residence, Rinconada Library, 2022 - 2025
- Served as Entertainers at non-profit Old Skool Cafe, 2021 - 2024
- Entertained at non-profit Asian Health Services VIP Gala, 2024, 2023
- Performed at Chinatown Music Festival, San Francisco, Aug 2022
- Showcased at Stanford Jazz's Donor Appreciation Concert, May 2022
- Co-taught Traditional Jazz Workshop for Youths, May 2022
- Fundraised for New Orleans Musicians' Clinic, Oct 2021
- Produced two live Zoom concerts for teachers, Feb & Mar 2021