

Jazz Forward Dayton

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SUMMARY

Jazz Forward Dayton is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and advancing jazz by creating meaningful opportunities for musicians to learn, perform, and connect.

Founded in 2026, the organization exists to strengthen Dayton's jazz community by supporting musicians at every stage of their musical journey while creating memorable experiences for audiences throughout the Miami Valley.

Through concerts, educational workshops, masterclasses, mentorship, networking, and community partnerships, Jazz Forward Dayton is investing in the future of one of America's greatest art forms.

EXPERIENCE

Founder & President Founded 2026

Jazz Forward Dayton Dayton, Ohio

As President and Founder of Jazz Forward Dayton, Campbell is leading a community-wide effort to preserve and grow the region's jazz tradition through education, collaboration, and performance.

- Since returning to Dayton, she has worked tirelessly to build opportunities for musicians by creating one of the area's longest-running monthly jazz jam sessions.
- Her vision has always been to bring musicians together, encourage lifelong learning, and create welcoming spaces where performers of every age and experience level can thrive.

PROJECTS

Jazz Forward Dayton Launch Celebration | Grand Launch Celebration • September 27

- Date: Sunday, September 27
- Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: Roger Glass Center for the Arts
- Featured Performers: University of Dayton Jazz Ensemble
- Special Guest: Ashlin Parker
- Reception immediately following the concert.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Live Performances
Jazz Education
Artist Development
Community Partnerships
Workshops & Masterclasses
Networking Opportunities
Youth Engagement
Concert Series
Monthly Jazz Jam Sessions
Vocal and Instrumental Workshops
Masterclasses with National Artists
Jazz Education Partnerships
Youth Performance Opportunities
Professional Development for Musicians
Special Community Collaborations

CERTIFICATIONS

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

MISSION

To sustain and advance jazz by creating meaningful opportunities for musicians to learn, perform, and connect.

VISION

A vibrant, inclusive jazz community where collaboration, education, and performance create lifelong connections and keep the spirit of jazz alive for generations to come.

WHY JAZZ FORWARD DAYTON?

Dayton has long been home to exceptional jazz musicians, educators, and audiences. While individual organizations present concerts and educational programs, Jazz Forward Dayton was created to connect these efforts by providing year-round opportunities for musicians to learn, perform, collaborate, and grow.

The organization believes that thriving arts communities strengthen neighborhoods, enrich education, attract visitors, and improve quality of life.

INTERVIEW TOPICS

- Why Dayton needs Jazz Forward Dayton
- The future of jazz in Dayton
- Building community through music
- Supporting local musicians
- Music education
- Entrepreneurship in the arts

STORY ANGLES

Community: How a grassroots movement became Dayton's newest arts nonprofit.

Music: Keeping jazz alive for future generations.

Education: Teaching, mentoring, and inspiring young musicians.

Economic Development: How live music strengthens communities and supports local businesses.

Human Interest: The story of one musician's vision to unite an entire jazz community.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

- University of Dayton Jazz Ensemble performing with Ashlin Parker
- Kelli Campbell welcoming guests Audience
- interaction throughout the evening
- Official launch announcement
- Reception with musicians, supporters, and community leaders
- Board members and sponsors
- Group photos of performers and organizational leadership
- High-resolution logos, photos, and additional information are available upon request.