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BIO

To Nate, music is synonymous with life, a philosophy that has shaped him into a prominent force in Detroit's music scene. At age five, he began writing songs on the piano but made the saxophone his primary instrument when he was fifteen.

Straight out of high school, Nate began singing his own songs and soon released his debut album, "Time of Monsters". Nate's talents have since taken him beyond Detroit to cities like Los Angeles and New Orleans.

Nate has developed a unique sound that captures any room with fresh, soulful, and melodious solos. Nate also attributes his distinctive tone to his vintage saxophones. His lineup includes a 1919 tenor, 1926 alto, 1906 soprano, and 1970 baritone. These instruments help Nate emulate the sounds of artists who have influenced him from a young age while simultaneously allowing him to explore new sonic concepts.

EMPLOYMENT

DETROIT SAVOY *Detroit, MI December 2023-present*
Lead various ensembles that specialize in multiple genres, including dinner music, Jazz, R&B, funk, and Motown. Weekly performances.

DETROIT WAYNE MUSIC STUDIO *Eastpointe, MI December 2023-present*
Saxophone instructor for beginner and intermediate students.

HOUSE CALL MUSIC *Royal Oak, MI August 2024-present*
Saxophone & piano instructor for beginner and intermediate students.

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT *Detroit, MI September 2023-June 2024*
Weekly performance.

BERT'S MOTOWN BISTRO *Detroit, MI July 2022-July 2023*
Organized a weekly jam session in Detroit's Eastern Market.

BOODLES *Madison Heights, MI July 2021-December 2022*
Twice-weekly shows performing on piano and saxophone.

SENIOR LIVING ENTERTAINMENT

WALTONWOOD ASSISTED LIVING *Royal Oak, MI December 2022-present*

BELMAR OAKLAND *Troy, MI May 2023-present*

ARDEN COURTS *Bingham Farms, MI July 2024-present*

ALL SEASONS *Birmingham, MI August 2024-present*

AMERICAN HOUSE *Troy, MI September 2024-present*

THE RIVERS *Grosse Pointe, MI November 2024-present*

EDUCATION

University of Detroit Jesuit *Detroit, MI May 2023*
Summa cum laude

INSTRUMENTS

Tenor Saxophone
Alto Saxophone
Soprano Saxophone
Baritone Saxophone
Piano
Voice

HONORS & AWARDS

J.C. Heard All-Stars
2022 & 2023

MICHIGAN HS All-Stars
2022 & 2023

U of M JAZZ AMBASSADORS
2022

HUG DETROIT
Emerging Artist 2022

MISC

REPAIR TECHNICIAN
2022-present

NOTABLE VENUES

METRO DETROIT

Aretha's Jazz Cafe *October 2022, December 2022, August 2023, November 2023, August 2024, February 2025*
Cliff Bells *July 2022, July 2023, April 2024, September 2024, January 2025*
The Detroit Club *October 2024, November 2024, December 2024*
Blue Llama Jazz Club *July 2022, September 2023, January 2024, March 2024, July 2024*
Fishbones Greektown *January 2024, March 2024, July 2024*
Sterlingfest *July 2024*
A2 Summer Fest *June 2024*
Greater Detroit Jazz Society *December 2023, June 2024*
Baker's Keyboard Lounge *December 2023, January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024*
Marble Bar *August 2023, February 2024*
Detroit Jazz Festival *2022 & 2023*
Michigan Jazz Festival *2022 & 2023*
Arts, Beats & Eats *2023*
Dally in the Alley *2023*
Charles H. Wright Museum *2023*
Music Hall *December 2023*
Detroit Institute of Arts *December 2023*
Meadowbrook Mansion *June 2023*

LOS ANGELES

Yahir *May 2023*
The Lighthouse *May 2023*
Harvelle's *May 2023*

NEW ORLEANS

Preservation Hall *January 2025*
Four Seasons Hotel *January 2025*
Mahogany Jazz Hall *January 2025*
Palm Court *April 2022*
Zony Mash Beer Project *April 2022*

PRESS

WDIV LIVE IN THE D *Music Monday, July 2024 and November 2022*

CBS DETROIT *June 2024*

WXYZ *90 Year History of Baker's Keyboard Lounge, February 2024*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

DETROIT FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS *2022-present*

REFERENCES

Available on request