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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*
Booking manager for all entertainment at Savoy restaurant. I also perform there on a weekly basis with various ensembles.

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*

BROOKDALE SOUTHFIELD *Southfield, MI May 2023-present*

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

ALL SEASONS *Birmingham, MI August 2024-present*

AMERICAN HOUSE *Troy, Rochester Hills, Roseville, Grosse Pointe, 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

INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN
2022-present

NOTABLE VENUES

METRO DETROIT

Blue Llama Jazz Club July 2022, September 2023, January 2024, March 2024, July 2024, July 2025, November 2025
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe October 2025, November 2025
The Detroit Club October 2024, November 2024, December 2024, April 2025, October 2025, November 2025
The Player's Club September 2025
Meadowbrook Mansion June 2023, September 2025
The Henry Ford Museum March 2025 & September 2025
Detroit Jazz Festival August 2022, 2023, & 2025
The Colony Club August 2025
Detroit Athletic Club July 2025
M1 Concourse June 2025
Amway Grand Hotel June 2025
Book Tower May 2025
The Treasury May 2025
Cliff Bells July 2022, July 2023, April 2024, September 2024, January 2025, May 2025
The Townsend Hotel May 2025
Aretha's Jazz Cafe October 2022, December 2022, August 2023, November 2023, August 2024, February 2025, April 2025
Baker's Keyboard Lounge December 2023, January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024
Michigan Jazz Festival July 2022 & 2023
Charles H. Wright Museum June 2023
Music Hall December 2023
Detroit Institute of Arts December 2023

LOS ANGELES

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

NEW ORLEANS

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

PRESS

WDIV LIVE IN THE D November 2022 & July 2024

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