

# Texins Jazz Band

The Texins Jazz Band is a full 18-piece community big band based in Dallas, TX. The band is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. From 1986-2019 the band operated as The Texas Instruments Jazz Band and was organized through the Texins Association (Dallas, Texas) of Texas Instruments. The Texins Association ceased operation in 2019 and the band became the Texins Jazz Band in 2020. The majority of band members have STEM-based degrees and careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The band is under the musical direction of Bill Centera.

The band rehearses on Tuesday nights at Dallas College, Richland Campus and performs about 7 concerts per year, including hosting a couple of professional jazz artists each year.

## Upcoming Public Concerts:

Sat, Sep 6, 7pm – Fannin Hall at Richland College (free)

Sun, Nov 2, 7pm – Concert at the Eisemann Center with Veronica Swift

Sun, Feb 15, 4pm – Big Band Mardi Gras Concert in Allen (free)

Sun, Apr 19, 7pm – Concert at the Eisemann Center and guest TBD

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## Matt Harris

Our guest artist is Matt Harris, who has arranged eight Stevie Wonder songs for full big band. Matt is a distinguished jazz pianist, composer, arranger, and educator with a career spanning several decades. A Cincinnati native, Matt honed his craft at the University of Miami, earning a Bachelor of Music degree, and at the Eastman School of Music, where he obtained a Master's degree.

Following his studies, Matt toured, wrote, and recorded with jazz legends Maynard Ferguson and Buddy Rich. In 1985, he relocated to Los Angeles, immersing himself in the vibrant studio scene as a versatile musician, composer, arranger, and orchestrator. Matt's compositions and arrangements have been performed by esteemed ensembles such as the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, the Metropole Orchestra (Netherlands), and various professional big bands across Europe, New Zealand, and the United States. His works have been published by Kendor Music, UNC Jazz Press, Alfred Music, and Excelcia Music.



with **Matt Harris**

**The Music of**  
  
**Stevie**  
**Wonder**

**McKinney Performing Arts Center**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 7pm**

[texinsjazz.com](http://texinsjazz.com)

# Roster

## Saxes

**Paul Westbrook** (President) - B.S. Mechanical Engineering

**Alejandro Vera** (Treasurer) - M.S. Electrical Engineering

**Gerry Burnham** - Ph.D. Electrical Engineering

**David West** - M.S. Manufacturing Engr / Materials Science

**Tom Hilbun** (Secretary) - B.S. Chem Engr; Patent Attorney

## Trombones

**Dan Canterbury** - B.A. Music Education

**Jason Shick** - B.S. Computer Science

**Marco Samperio** - D.M.A. Trombone Performance

**Ken Kunz** - M.A. Music Education

## Trumpets

**Rob Jonas** - Medicaid Biller

**John Alptekin** - Ph.D. Chemistry

**Andrew Kortze** - B.S. Electrical Engineering

**Dennis Doane** - B.S. Mechanical Engineering

## Rhythm

**Frank Luna** (bass) - B.S. Chemical & Biological Engineering

**Terry Bartlett** (guitar) - M.S. Electrical Engineering

**Mike Coldewey** (piano) - Software Developer

**Chris Lichtenberg** (drums) - Ph.D. Electrical Engineering

## Vocalist

**Nicole Bernard** - B.S. Advertising - Business

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Audio: Carl Askew

# Program (to be selected from)

## Sir Duke

By Stevie Wonder (1976); Arr. Dave Wolpe

## For Once in My Life

By Ron Miller and Orlando Murden (1965); Arr. Lennie Niehaus

## I Can't Help It

By Stevie Wonder and Susaye Greene (1979); Arr. Matt Harris

## Higher Ground

By Stevie Wonder (1973); Arr. Matt Harris

## Don't You Worry About A Thing

By Stevie Wonder (1973); Arr. Matt Harris

## Do I Do

By Stevie Wonder (1982); Arr. Matt Harris

## Livin' For the City

By Stevie Wonder (1972); Arr. Matt Harris

## Tell Me Something Good

By Stevie Wonder (1974); Arr. Matt Harris

## If It's Magic

By Stevie Wonder (1976); Arr. Matt Harris

## Superstition / You Haven't Done Nothin'

By Stevie Wonder (1972 / 1974); Arr. Matt Harris



Link to online  
program

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Thanks to the MPAC staff and volunteers  
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