

## Leo P

Leo Pellegrino, popularly known as Leo P, is an American saxophone player from Pittsburgh, PA. His chops on the baritone sax and unique dance moves alongside his ever-changing hair color and matching outfits have taken him from the subways of New York City to featured status at Royal Albert Hall and international prominence.

He began playing in the New York City subways in 2014 while he was at The New School and later switched to full time performance. In 2017, Leo was chosen to perform as a featured artist at the BBC Proms' tribute to Charles Mingus at Royal Albert Hall. In 2019, Pellegrino and alto saxophonist Grace Kelly announced a long-term collaboration project known as 2SAXY.

## Texins Jazz Band

From 1986-2019 they operated as The Texas Instruments Jazz Band, organized under the Texins Association at Texas Instruments. Members consisted of current, former, and retired TI employees supplemented with subs as needed.

In 2020 the band became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and changed the name to Texins Jazz Band. The band still gives priority to members with a STEM background. Texins Jazz Band's mission is "to perform the big band jazz musical art form and present international guest artists to the public in a manner that is educational, entertaining, and affordable." The band rehearses weekly at Dallas College, Richland Campus under the direction of Bill Centera.

The band has hosted many world-class musicians over the decades including Clark Terry, Phil Woods, John Pizzarelli, Kurt Elling, Wayne Bergeron, Randy Brecker, Delfeayo Marsalis, Jazzmeia Horn, Frank Mantooth, Blue Lou Marini, and Tom "Bones" Malone.

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## Berkner High School Jazz Band

Berkner Jazz Band is a widely recognized performing group from Richardson ISD. Their mission is to enrich lives through musical performance, community outreach, and educational opportunities. All students are involved in a variety of other fine arts ensembles, including marching band, concert band, string orchestra, choir, and mariachi. Berkner Jazz has become one of the premier live performance ensembles for the City of Richardson, performing at annual events such as the COR Santa's Village. Students consistently participate and earn Area spots in the yearly TMEA All-State Jazz audition. Berkner Jazz consistently earns superior ratings in festivals around the DFW Metroplex. For more information about donating to the financial assistance program that supports these musicians' opportunity to participate in Berkner Jazz, email Mr. Austin Townsend at [austin.townsend@risd.org](mailto:austin.townsend@risd.org).

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# Berkner High School Jazz Band

Eisemann Center

Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

Link to online program>

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# Texins Jazz Band | Berkner

**Director:** Bill Centera

## Saxes

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

**Alejandro Vera** - 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

**Bryan Campbell** - MBA

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

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

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

## Trumpets

**Brian Bass** - B.S. Computer Science

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

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

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

## Rhythm

**Bill Sallee** (bass) - M.S. Electrical 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

**Co-Dir:** Austin Townsend

**Co-Dir:** Laura Dunlap

## Saxes

Micah Casillas

Ivie Enosegbe

Mason Johnson

Aide Rivera

Beckett Russell

Josue Trejos

## Trombones

Morgan Bolton

Brandon Lopez Cruz

Clayton Martin

Keegan McDuffie

Josthin Posadas

## Trumpets

Sened Gebrehiwet

Adrian Gomez

Katie Tucker

Alexa Vera

Connor Waits

## Rhythm

Ares Tristan Garcia (drums)

Joseph Helmich (bass)

Mitchell Johnson (drums)

Brandon Rojas (guitar)

Josephine Romi (bass)

Beckett Russell (piano)

## Texins Jazz

### Band Officers

Director:

Bill Centera

President:

Paul Westbrook

Secretary:

Tom Hilbun

Treasurer:

Alejandro Vera

### Special Thanks

- Jason Schayot, Berkner Fine Arts

Coordinator

- Farrah Smock, Berkner High School

Principal

- Jeff Bradford, RISD Executive

Director of Fine Arts

- Dr. Tabitha Branum, RISD

Superintendent of Schools

- Berkner High School Band Staff

- Eisemann Center Staff

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# Program (to be selected from)

## Hay Burner

By Sammy Nestico (1968)

## Parfait

By Steve Spiegl (1982)

## Dolphinology

By Bronislaw Kaper & Ned Washington (1947); Arr. Tom Kubis

## Don't Get Around Much Anymore

By Duke Ellington (1940); Arr. Roger Pemberton

## Moanin'

By Charles Mingus (1976); Arr. Andrew Homzy

## Basin Street Blues

By Spencer Williams (1928); Arr. James Morrison

## Green Bossa

By Kenny Dorham (1963); Arr. Tom Kubis

## Social Call

By Gigi Gryce / Jon Hendricks (1955); Arr. Scott Arcangel

## Haitian Fight Song

By Charles Mingus (1957); Arr. Sy Johnson

## The Chicken

By Pee Wee Ellis (1969); Arr. Kris Berg

## It Don't Mean a Thing

By Irving Mills & Duke Ellington (1932); Arr. Matt Harris

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