

Concert Press Release - Veterans Day weekend concert

Sunday, November 13th, 7PM at the McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC)

The [Texins Jazz Band](#) has a 36 year history of hosting world class guest artists. It's fitting that the guest artist for their Veterans Day weekend concert is [Alexis Cole](#). She may be the most talented singer to ever hold a top-secret military clearance. She was the featured vocalist for seven years with the U.S. Army's West Point Jazz Knights. Alexis recently released *Sky Blossom*, a collection of songs she performed during her tour of duty. She'll perform several of those songs with Texins Jazz Band, along with a special Veterans Day tribute song. Alexis will also perform with the GDYO Jazz Orchestra, who will open the concert.

Alexis is currently based in New York City and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Birdland, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and the Blue Note.



Texins Jazz Band is a full 18-piece 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 group formed in the summer of 1986, sparked by an ad placed in a TI company newspaper. 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](#).

Founded in 1972, the [Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing music education and performance opportunities that foster musical excellence, cultivate learning, encourage creativity, inspire self-motivation, and develop social skills. GDYO has grown from a single orchestra of 35 members to a program of over 450 talented musicians, ages 6 to 18. GDYO ensembles include the flagship ensemble: Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, Philharmonic, Sinfonietta, Dallas String Ensemble, Young Performers Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Flute Choir, the GDYO jazz combo and the **GDYO Jazz Orchestra**. GDYO students come from over 150 different schools from 50 different communities. The GDYO Jazz Orchestra is under the direction of Kris Berg.

Alexis Cole with Texins Jazz Band and GDYO Jazz Orchestra

Date & Time: Sunday, November 13, 2022 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Tickets: Reserved seating on sale now - \$19-\$32 – link at <https://texinsjazz.com>

Direct Ticket Link: <https://tickets.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent1267.html>

Venue: McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N Tennessee St, McKinney, TX 75069

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