



CJRO 2026/27 Season

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July

July 18, 7:30 pm Arvada Center Amphitheatre

The Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra, in concert with Veronica Swift

The CJRO big band welcomes international recording artist **Veronica Swift** to the Arvada Center Amphitheatre. One of the most compelling voices in jazz today, Swift brings a dynamic style that moves across genres while staying rooted in tradition. "We're incredibly excited to present our first concert with Veronica Swift," said CJRO Artistic Director **Drew Zaremba**. "She is not only an impeccable vocalist, but she also shares our commitment to exploring jazz alongside America's rich musical heritage. We're cooking up some special arrangements to premiere at this concert, and we can't wait to see you there!"

Veronica Swift has established herself as one of her generation's defining voices in jazz. As a child, she toured nationally with her parents—jazz musicians Hod O'Brien and Stephanie Nakasian—appearing at leading clubs and festivals including Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Jazz Standard (NYC), Jazz Showcase (Chicago), and the Telluride Jazz Festival. She recorded her first album at age nine and has since built a career spanning two decades.

"She has a miraculous voice, musical ability and technique, as well as an innate gift for entertaining a crowd." — *Wall Street Journal*

"Veronica Swift is a woman of many voices, and she uses every one of them to refract a dizzying kaleidoscope of moods." — *DownBeat*

July 24, 6:30 & 9 pm Jazz Aspen/Snowmass with Veronica Swift

The CJRO takes the big band to the JAS Paul Center for two intimate performances with Veronica Swift.

July 26, 6 pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle are presented on the fourth Sunday of every month

We'll Be Together Again: Sentimental Standards featuring Marion Powers and Drew Zaremba

Join CJRO favorites vocalist Marion Powers and Drew Zaremba on piano, along with Jared Cathey on Sax, for an intimate evening of swinging standards at Dazzle. Numbers will include songs from Ella, Jobim, and even a little Simon & Garfunkel. This promises to be an evening of familiar (and not so familiar!) standards of some of your favorite artists.

August

Sat. Aug 1, 2:30-3:30 Colorado 150 Celebration at Highlands Ranch Town Center

with JoFoKe & Same Cloth

JoFoKe & Same Cloth is a dynamic, genre-bending ensemble based in Denver, led by the creative force of singer-songwriter JoFoKe. Known for their innovative approach to music-making, JoFoKe & Same Cloth fuse various genres

and musical traditions to craft meaningful art that resonates with audiences. JoFoKe & Same Cloth aim to push boundaries and illuminate the endless possibilities of Black American Music—more at JoFoKe.com.

Aug. 23, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

Smooth as Funk featuring Tatiana LadyMay Mayfield

Join the CJRO quartet with Tatiana LadyMay Mayfield and featuring Drew Zaremba for a rocking and funky evening featuring music from Marvin Gaye, saxophonist Maceo Parker, Stevie Wonder, Etta James, and other great artists of the time! Groove along with the CJRO for a night of jam band and fun! The quartet includes Drew Zaremba (Sax), Mike Abbott (Guitar), Bijoux Barbosa (Bass), and Matt Campbell (Drums).

September

Sept 18, 7:30 Friday Night Jazz Series at the Schoolhouse

Sass, Swing, and Standards with Marion Powers

The heart of jazz lives in the swing of the Great American Songbook. Join the CJRO sextet for an evening of classic standards, featuring both traditional interpretations and fresh perspectives on this timeless repertoire.

Sept. 27, 6 pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

Sass, Swing, and Standards with Marion Powers and the CJRO Sextet

Sass, swing, and unforgettable music take center stage as Marion Powers joins the CJRO Sextet for an evening of jazz standards. Featuring music from the Great American Songbook, the program balances familiar favorites with inventive new arrangements. Many of the songs will be featured on the CJRO's upcoming fifth album, with Marion Powers and the Sextet.

October

Fri. Oct 9, 7 pm, The Muse featuring pianist Eric Gunnison

Oct 17, 7pm, Arvada Center

The Three Tenors: Trane, Rollins, and Getz

Join the CJRO big band for a high-powered night celebrating three tenor sax legends: John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, and Stan Getz. Marking Coltrane's centennial, the program moves from the drive of "Impressions" (featuring a four-tenor showdown) to the cool swing of selections from the 1962 recording, *Big Band Bossa Nova*. The evening closes with Rollins' "Tenor Madness," with an open invitation for saxophonists in the audience to bring their horns and play along with the band!

Thurs. Oct. 22, 7pm Lakewood Cultural Center

Blue Eyes, Bing and Bublé: Crooners featuring Matt Brooker and the CJRO small band

The CJRO small band and vocalist Matt Brooker celebrate the greatest crooners of all time with favorites including "Fly Me to the Moon," "Georgia," and more!

Oct. 25, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

Jazz de Paris featuring Enion Pelta-Tiller on Vocal & Violin

The CJRO returns to the distinctive sound of jazz manouche with a fresh take on a program first explored last spring. Inspired by guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stéphane Grappelli, *Jazz de Paris* brings hot strings and swing to Dazzle for an intimate evening of driving rhythms, inventive improvisation, and plenty of musical interplay.

November

Fri. Nov. 6, 7pm Lakewood Cultural Center

Miles of Miles: A Centennial Celebration with trumpeter Shane Endsley

The CJRO small band celebrates the 100th birthday of Miles Davis, tracing his influence across modern jazz—from bebop and cool jazz to hard bop and fusion. Trumpeter Shane Endsley is the featured artist.

Nov. 13, 7:30 Friday Night Jazz Series at Schoolhouse

Miles Davis - A Genius through Time with Hannah Rodriguez and trumpeter Shane Endsley

In 2026, the jazz world celebrates the 100th birthday of **Miles Davis**, a musician who helped define nearly every era of modern jazz. For almost fifty years, Davis remained at the center of the music's evolution, moving from one groundbreaking style to the next.

The CJRO small band traces that journey—from bebop and cool jazz to hard bop and fusion—offering a musical portrait of an artist whose career reflects the evolving story of jazz.

Nov. 29, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

Miles Davis: The Sound of a Century with trumpeter Shane Endsley

December

Wed. Dec. 2, 7pm Southridge Auditorium 4800 McArthur Ranch Rd, Highlands Ranch

Swingin' the Holidays with the CJRO Quartet

Thurs. Dec. 3, 7pm Lakewood Cultural Center

A Very Motown Christmas

Join the CJRO small band for a festive night of soulful, groovy holiday music featuring the music of your favorite Motown artists! You don't want to miss this once-a-year concert.

Sat. Dec 5, 7 pm The Muse Performance Space in Lafayette

Swingin' the Holidays with the CJRO Quartet

Dec. 27, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

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January 2027

Jan. 24, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

Jan 30, 7pm Arvada Center

Big Band Royalty: Quincy Jones

Every year, the CJRO pays homage to the great American big band tradition. This year, Quincy Jones takes center stage as the CJRO celebrates the legacy of this composer, arranger, and architect of the modern big band sound. From his early work with Lionel Hampton and Count Basie to his own groundbreaking recordings, this program traces his influence across decades, alongside classics from the swing era to modern day.

February

Feb. 21, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

Love Songs from the Ladies of Jazz with Tatiana LadyMay Mayfield

The Ladies of Jazz: Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Sarah Vaughn, and so many more. Tatiana LadyMay Mayfield and the CJRO small band present an evening of song and story, weaving a narrative of love from the American Songbook.

Thur. Feb 25, 7pm Lakewood Cultural Center

A Celebration of Quincy Jones with the CJRO Big Band

Feb. 27, 7pm Arvada Center

Revêries de Jazz

Romantic Piano Reimagined for Jazz Chamber Orchestra

CJRO Artistic Director Drew Zarembo and the CJRO Jazz Chamber Orchestra revisit their recent collaboration with Wonderbound Artistic Director Garrett Ammon for a 1920s-inspired program built around newly imagined scores. Featuring Zarembo's reworkings of music by Gershwin, Chopin, Satie, Debussy, and others, this program brings those pieces into a jazz chamber setting. Experience the music of *Decadent Desires* again—or come for the first time to hear classical jazz as you've never heard it before.

March

Mar. 5, 7:30pm Friday Night Jazz Series at Schoolhouse

Funky and Soulful: The 70's with Tatiana LadyMay Mayfield

So much of the music we love emerged from the 1970s, when the airwaves were filled with funk, soul, R&B, and jazz fusion.

The CJRO small band revisits that era with music inspired by the artists and styles that defined the decade—bringing together funk rhythms, soulful melodies, and the spirit of jazz exploration. This will be an evening that celebrates the energy and creativity of a time when genres blended freely, and the groove was front and center.

Sat. March 6, 7pm The Muse

Sun. Mar.14, 3pm Lakewood Cultural Center

Jazz, Funk & Soul: The Sound of the '70s with the CJRO small band

The CJRO small band explores the sounds that shaped a decade, from jazz-funk grooves and soulful ballads to crossover hits that blurred musical boundaries. Featuring music inspired by the artists and styles that defined the 1970s, this concert celebrates an era when jazz, funk, and soul came together to create a fresh and influential sound.

Mar. 21, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle – please note this month only is on the third Sunday

Funky 70s with the CJRO small band

March 27, Cherry Creek HS Jazz Fest

April

Apr. 2, 7:30pm Friday Night Jazz Series at Schoolhouse

Swinging on the Range: Bluegrass & Western Swing

Featuring violinist Enion Pelta-Tiller and the CJRO small band

In this unique CJRO concert, bluegrass and western swing meet jazz. These traditions have long shared common ground—improvisation, strong rhythms, and a spirit of musical conversation.

With new arrangements and familiar tunes, the CJRO small band explores the surprising connections between bluegrass, western swing, and jazz, celebrating a distinctly American musical heritage.

Thurs. Apr. 8, 6pm The CJRO Big Band and Kurt Elling at Newman Center

The CJRO Big Band will be playing with Kurt Elling as part of the third annual Denver Jazz Fest.

Elling, a two-time Grammy Award winner, made his Broadway debut in fall 2025 as “Hermes” in *Hadestown*. The Chicago-based musician is renowned for a signature, rich sound and an inventive, individualized body of work. With a singular style of contemporary Beat lyricism and *vocalese*-writing ingenuity, Elling has extended the parameters of vocal jazz and increased its vocabulary. *The New York Times* called Kurt Elling “the standout male jazz vocalist of our time.” *The Guardian* (UK) pronounced him “a kind of Sinatra with superpowers.”

Sun. Apr. 18, 3pm Lakewood Cultural Center

Prairie Swing: Bluegrass, Jazz & Beyond

Featuring violinist Enion Pelta-Tiller with the CJRO small band

Apr. 25, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

May

A Celebration of Latin American Music & Culture collaboration with Su Teatro – date TBA

The CJRO, in partnership with Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, will present a free, one-day cultural event celebrating Latin American music, dance, storytelling, and visual art. The event will feature live music by the CJRO Latin Jazz Ensemble, folklórico dance, theatre artists and storytelling, and visual artists, offering a multidisciplinary experience that reflects the diversity and richness of Latin American cultures. The day is made possible by funding from the Collaborative of the SCFD, which brings together two SCFD-funded organizations and other arts groups to create an inclusive, community-centered event.

Sat. May 15, 7pm The Muse

May 23, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle

Bluegrass, Swing & All That Jazz

Featuring violinist Enion Pelta-Tiller and the CJRO small band

May 29, 7pm Arvada Center

Motown and Mo’

With Tatiana LadyMay Mayfield

Motown takes center stage as the CJRO big band celebrates one of the most influential sounds in American music. From classic hits to fresh arrangements, the band explores the depth of the Motown catalog while also featuring selections from the recently released album *Golden Lady* with Tatiana LadyMay Mayfield.

June

June 12, 7pm Parsons Theatre in Northglenn

June 27, 6pm Sunday Sessions at Dazzle