

Women in Jazz Association, Inc.

30+ Years of Legacy, Empowerment & Jazz Excellence.

Support Women in Jazz.
Keep the Music Alive.



About Women in Jazz Association, Inc.

Women in Jazz Association, Inc. (WIJA) is a Texas-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, promoting, and advancing jazz—especially the contributions of women vocalists and instrumentalists. Through high-quality concerts, educational programs, youth mentorship, and community collaborations, WIJA creates meaningful performance opportunities for artists while making jazz accessible to diverse audiences across Central Texas and beyond. For more than 30 years, Women in Jazz Association has been a trusted cultural leader, producing hundreds of concerts and programs that celebrate jazz heritage while nurturing the next generation of musicians. With a proven record of artistic excellence, community engagement, and fiscal responsibility, WIJA continues to strengthen Austin’s cultural landscape—honoring jazz’s rich history while ensuring its vibrant future.

The objectives of the Women in Jazz Association, Inc. are:

1. Expand appreciation of American jazz among new and diverse audiences;
2. Create performance opportunities for female jazz vocalists and instrumentalists at all career levels;
3. Support professional development for youth and adult artists in the music industry; and
4. Enhance quality of life in the Austin community through access to live jazz music.

2026 Season

1. Celebrating Women in Jazz Concert
2. Pamela Hart Sings The Divine Sarah Vaughan
3. A Tribute to Nancy Wilson /Cannonball Adderley
4. International Jazz Day in collaboration with Austin Jazz Society, Inc. and Texas Jazz Society
5. Vocal Performance Workshops
6. Uplift Jazz Concerts for Seniors
7. Future Jazz Legends Young Adult Concert
8. Jazz Camp in Collaboration with African American Youth Harvest Foundation, Inc.
9. Summer Madness Concert
10. 4th Annual Austin Women in Jazz Festival
11. ‘Tis the Season to Be Jazzy Winter Concert

What We Do in Our Central Texas Communities

Women's Focus



Founded in 1994 by Pamela Hart, “Austin’s First Lady of Jazz,” Women in Jazz Association, Inc. was created to preserve and elevate the voices of female jazz artists at a time when professional opportunities were diminishing. What began as a mission to support female vocalists has grown into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit presenting professional concerts, workshops, and

youth programs that sustain live jazz music in Central Texas.

Women in Jazz Concert Series



The Women in Jazz Concert Series showcases outstanding local and nationally acclaimed musicians and vocalists representing the full spectrum of jazz — from traditional to contemporary and smooth jazz. Over the years, the series has featured legendary artists including Miss Nancy Wilson, Rachelle Ferrell, Carmen Bradford, the late Kellye Gray, Dianne Reeves, Jazz in Pink, Althea Rene, Theresa Grayson, Sy Smith, Paula Atherton, Joyce Cooling, Kim Scott, Phylicia Rae, Patrice Rushen, Terri Lynn Carrington, Christie Dishelle, Chelsey Green and the Green Project, Jazmin Ghent, Maysa, Jeannette

Harris, Pamela Williams, Tatiana “Lady May” Mayfield, The Beat Divas, Pamela Hart, Dr. James Polk, Kylie P., Kyle Turner, the late Michael Ward, Jessie J, and many others. Beyond the stage, visiting artists lead engaging Jazz Masters’ Workshops, sharing their artistry, professional journeys, and musical expertise with aspiring musicians and community participants — ensuring that the legacy of jazz continues to inspire the next generation.

Community Collaboration



Women in Jazz Association, Inc. believes that jazz thrives in community. Through meaningful partnerships with cultural institutions, schools, senior centers, churches, and arts organizations across Central Texas, we extend the reach of

jazz beyond the stage and into the heart of our neighborhoods. Our collaborations create access, inspire intergenerational connection, and ensure that the legacy of jazz continues to uplift, educate, and unite diverse audiences.

Women in Jazz Festival



Launched in 2023 through support from the City of Austin’s Thrive Funding Program, the Women in Jazz Festival expanded our signature programming into a premier, multi-artist celebration of women in jazz. The festival brings together nationally recognized and emerging artists for an unforgettable showcase of excellence, innovation, and artistry.

Featured guest artists have included Jazz in Pink, Maysa, Grace Kelly, Chelsey Green, Christie Dashiell, Jazmin Ghent, Phylicia Rae, Kim Scott, Jeanette Harris, and many more — positioning Austin as a vibrant destination for world-class women in jazz.

Youth Workshops



Women in Jazz proudly hosts the annual Urban University Summer Jazz Camp in collaboration with the African American Youth Harvest Foundation. This immersive program guides students on a powerful musical journey—from the roots of blues and swing to contemporary jazz expression—culminating in a live performance that demonstrates their understanding of improvisation, ensemble collaboration, and the living tradition of jazz.

Future Jazz Legends



Future Jazz Legends is Women in Jazz Association, Inc.'s signature young adult and emerging artist initiative designed to nurture the next generation of jazz talent. Through live performance opportunities, mentorship, and professional development experiences, young musicians share the stage with seasoned artists—building confidence, artistry, and a lasting connection to the jazz tradition.

Uplift Jazz for Seniors



Uplift Jazz Project brings the joy, nostalgia, and healing power of live jazz directly to senior communities. Through engaging performances, storytelling, and interactive moments, Women in Jazz honors the soundtrack of a generation—celebrating classic standards, swing, and soul while fostering connection, memory, and community among older adults.

Women in Jazz Board of Directors



Jabari Warfield, Dr. Dwayne Jones, Anitra Jones, Pamela Hart, Charelesa Russell, Tommy Johnson, Kevin Hart

Sponsorship Opportunities

The legacy of women in jazz depends on continued community support. Your tax-deductible gift today ensures that these artists are heard, celebrated, and supported for generations to come.

Platinum Sponsor – \$2,500

- Acknowledgment as the Signature Sponsor for workshops and concerts
- Select VIP seating at remaining season events (based on availability at time of donation)
- Eight complimentary passes to a Women in Jazz Concert
- Full-page ad in Women in Jazz Performance programs (when available)
- Invitations to Women in Jazz Social and Special events
- Exposure and recognition on the Women in Jazz website (www.womeninjazz.org)

Gold Sponsor – \$1,500

- Acknowledgment as a Gold sponsor on marketing materials and pre-event promotional activities
- VIP seating at season of events (based on availability at time of donation)
- Four complimentary passes to a Women in Jazz concert
- Half-page ad in Women in Jazz performance programs
- Exposure and recognition of company logo on the Women in Jazz website

Silver Sponsor – \$1,000

- Acknowledgment as a Silver sponsor on marketing materials and pre-event promotional activities
- VIP seating at season events (based on availability at time of donation)
- Two complimentary passes to a Women in Jazz concert
- Exposure and recognition on the Women in Jazz website

Bronze Sponsor – \$500

- Acknowledgment as a Bronze Sponsor
- Two standard complimentary passes at an upcoming Women in Jazz concert
- Exposure and Recognition as a sponsor on the Women in Jazz Association, Inc. website

Patron Support – \$100, \$200, \$300, or any amount

Patron support includes Early-Bird (pre-public) announcements to events for best seating offers before publicly announced.

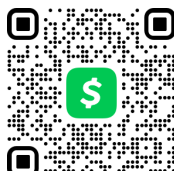
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