Jazz BFA Program Learning Outcomes

Prepare young music artists as entrepreneurs and collaborative creative problem solvers, and in the skills essential for success in a new interconnected global economy. NSJCM is dedicated to graduating performing and composing musicians who are equipped to enter society with communication and critical thinking skills, social awareness, and worldview commensurate with the mastery of their art form.

Musicianship and Instrumental Mastery

- Master musical technique and facility specific to instrumental performance

- Achieve comprehensive musicianship via command of content in each core curriculum area –
  Theory, Ear Training, Rhythm, Improvisation, and Music History

- Execute professional studio skills for music performance –
  Reading and literacy, composing and arranging, keyboarding and analysis

- Build strength and experiences in performance practice and ensemble leadership

Aesthetic Understanding

- Gain fluency in the diverse musical idioms and aesthetics of jazz and contemporary music

- Develop a broad knowledge of creative practice and seminal work in the canon of jazz and contemporary music

- Engage in scholarly discourse that explores diverse musical traditions through the lens of social, cultural, and historical development

- Build the capacity to connect musical aesthetics and practice to other disciplines –
  Visual arts, dance, design, media, entrepreneurship

- Develop and express an individual artistic voice

Professional Development

- Utilize technology as tool for composition and performance in music

- Understand and prepare for occupational opportunities beyond the primary performance discipline –
  music therapy, education, publishing, recording, film scoring, and management

- Gain facility and practical work experience in key areas of music business

Liberal Arts Education

- Foster broad dispositions and skills for clear articulation in both verbal and written realms

- Gain research and analytical skills critical to the pursuit of further knowledge and learning

- Develop a global understanding of the world as a reflective citizen engaged with political, social, and community issues