

M Manhattan School of Music

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 | 2 PM
JOAN TAUB ADES PERFORMANCE SPACE

Lifa Arosi, Jazz Piano

Mikkel Blaesild, Drums

Chet Carlson, Bass

Sekouvan Heusden, Percussion

Simon Niyavana, Alto Sax and Trumpet

Kaylar Darthur, Vocals

Eric Zolan, Guitar

Jonah Hieb, Trumpet

Larissa Jones, Guest Vocals

LIFA AROSI
(b. 1989)

Dear Mr. Barron

Children's Playground

Why's Life So Complicated

BHEKI MSELEKU
(1955–2008)

One for All – All for One

LIFA AROSI

Spirit Waters (Amanzi Womoya)

KENNY KIRKLAND
(1955–1998)

Steepian Faith

LIFA AROSI

For Hugh

Lifa Arosi, a student of Phil Markowitz, is a candidate for the Bachelor of Music degree. This recital is given in partial fulfillment of its requirements.

ABOUT MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Founded as a community music school by Janet Daniels Schenck in 1918, today MSM is recognized for its more than 1,000 superbly talented undergraduate and graduate students who come from more than 50 countries and nearly all 50 states; its innovative curricula and world-renowned artist-teacher faculty that includes musicians from the New York Philharmonic, the Met Orchestra, and the top ranks of the jazz and Broadway communities; and a distinguished community of accomplished, award-winning alumni working at the highest levels of the musical, educational, cultural, and professional worlds.

The School is dedicated to the personal, artistic, and intellectual development of aspiring musicians, from its Precollege students through those pursuing doctoral studies. Offering classical, jazz, and musical theatre training, MSM grants a range of undergraduate and graduate degrees. True to MSM's origins as a music school for children, the Precollege Division is a highly competitive and professionally oriented Saturday music program, dedicated to the musical and personal growth of talented young musicians ages 5 to 18. The School also serves some 2,000 New York City schoolchildren through its Arts-in-Education Program, and another 2,000 students through its critically acclaimed Distance Learning Program.

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Land Acknowledgment

We want to acknowledge that we gather as Manhattan School of Music on the traditional land of the Lenape and Wappinger past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land we inhabit as well.