



About the Band...

Deanna Casey Quartet

Deanna Casey (Vocals and Leader) - A recent graduate of the Hartt School of Music's Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz, jazz vocalist and composer Deanna Casey grew up in West Hartford and is the oldest of five girls. Her parents, also graduates of the Hartt School and professional musicians and teachers, instilled in her the love of music from birth. She started violin lessons at age 4 and later branched out to take on drums, ukulele, guitar and voice, and by age six was performing locally with the family band. At Hartt, she studied with Shawn Monteiro, Nat Reeves, Steve Davis, Jovan Jackson and others. Her musical journey has included performances throughout the country, recording sessions in Nashville, and an appearance on Nickelodeon's "America's Most Musical Family" as a member of the KC Sisters. Deanna's jazz ensemble performs traditional jazz favorites at venues throughout the Eastern US.

Jeremy Galloway (Guitar) - Guitarist and composer Jeremy Galloway calls Framingham, MA, home and has been on the Hartford jazz music scene since he was a freshman at the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz. Known for his powerful and energetic, yet sensitive and nuanced style, Jeremy has become a household name in the Hartford community. He performs in a variety of styles ranging from jazz and blues, to funk and rock, and has played at such venues as Infinity Hall, The Wadsworth Atheneum, and the Butler McCook House. Jeremy holds both Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz, where he has studied under virtuosic musicians Nat Reeves, Rich Goldstein, Abraham Burton, and many more.

Matt Dwonszyk (Bass) - Known as "the busiest bass player in Connecticut", bassist, composer and arranger Matt Dwonszyk is a first call musician in a variety of musical genre. A native of Rocky Hill, CT, Matt attended the Greater Hartford Academy for the Arts, then attained a Bachelors Degree from the Hartt School and a Masters Degree from SUNY Purchase. Matt has studied with Nat Reeves, Steve Davis, Todd Coolman and Jon Faddis. As a performer he has toured the United States, Europe and South America with numerous jazz luminaries. Matt has led ensembles at notable venues including Jazz at Lincoln Center's Dizzy's Club, Smalls and many others. His debut recording "Wonderful World" has received air play throughout the world and his arrangement of "What a Wonderful World" was recently recognized by Downbeat magazine.

Jonathan "JB" Barber (Drums) - JB, as he is affectionately known in the jazz community, grew up in Windsor, CT, and is recognized for his soul, impeccable groove, and explosive chops. He holds the distinct honor of being voted the #1 Up-and-Coming Drummer of 2018 in Modern Drummer magazine. He has recorded and toured world-wide with jazz luminaries too numerous to mention. In addition to his first-call status as a sideman, Barber has stepped forth as a composer and leader with his Vision Ahead band. Jonathan Barber and Vision Ahead headlined the 2018 Rainy Days Jazz Festival held in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia. He holds a Bachelors Degree from the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz and was recently appointed to the position of Instructor of Jazz Drum Set at UConn Storrs. Barber endorses Ludwig Drums, Istanbul Agop Cymbals, Evans Drumheads, Promark Drumsticks, and Sunhouse Percussion.