

Concert Program



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Welcome to NEC!

I am thrilled to welcome you to New England Conservatory's 2025–26 concert season — a celebration of the power that music has to inspire and connect us to one another.

Whether you are seated in one of our concert halls or watching online, we hope the performances of our students, faculty, and guest artists uplift you.

Above all, we thank you for supporting our students as they cultivate their artistry and contribute to the world through music.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Andrea Kalyn
President



NEC Preparatory School

Youth Jazz Orchestra

Bob Nieske

Music Director, Youth Jazz Orchestra

Jeffrey Leonard

Assistant Director, Youth Jazz Orchestra

Saturday, December 7, 2025
New England Conservatory - Brown Hall

PROGRAM

YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Sun Ra

(1914-1993)

Demons Lullaby

Charles Mingus

(1922-1979)

Fables of Faubus

Robert Nieske

There's A Bus...

Nick Grondin

(b. 1982)

The Shifter

Alan Ferber

(b. 1975)

North Rampart

Bob Brookmeyer

(1929-2011)

Ding Dong Ding

Duke Ellington

(1899-1974)

Ad Lib on Nippon

Sun Ra

(1914-1993)

Enlightenment

Alan Ferber

(b. 1975)

Sabotage

Enlightenment, Sun Ra

Lyrics

The sound of joy is enlightenment
Space, fire, truth is enlightenment

Space fire, sometimes it's music, strange mathematics, Rhythmic equations

The sound of thought is enlightenment
The magic light of tomorrow

Backwards, are those of sadness, forward and onward, are those of gladness

Enlightenment is my tomorrow
It has not plans of sorrow

Hereby, our invitation
We do invite you
Be of our Space world

YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Bob Nieske, *Director*

Jeffrey Leonard, *Assistant Director*

Saxophones

Ethan Jiu Ming Liu

Zachary Yuan

Jack Murphy

Ali Masoud

Patrick Lee

Trumpets

Ryan Park

Sean Xiong

Eamonn Conolly

Seth Feigenbaum

Maxwell Abouzeid

Trombones

Hank Ader

Jackson Gosule

Henryk Baran

David Sato*

Voice

Oskar Zoffer

Piano

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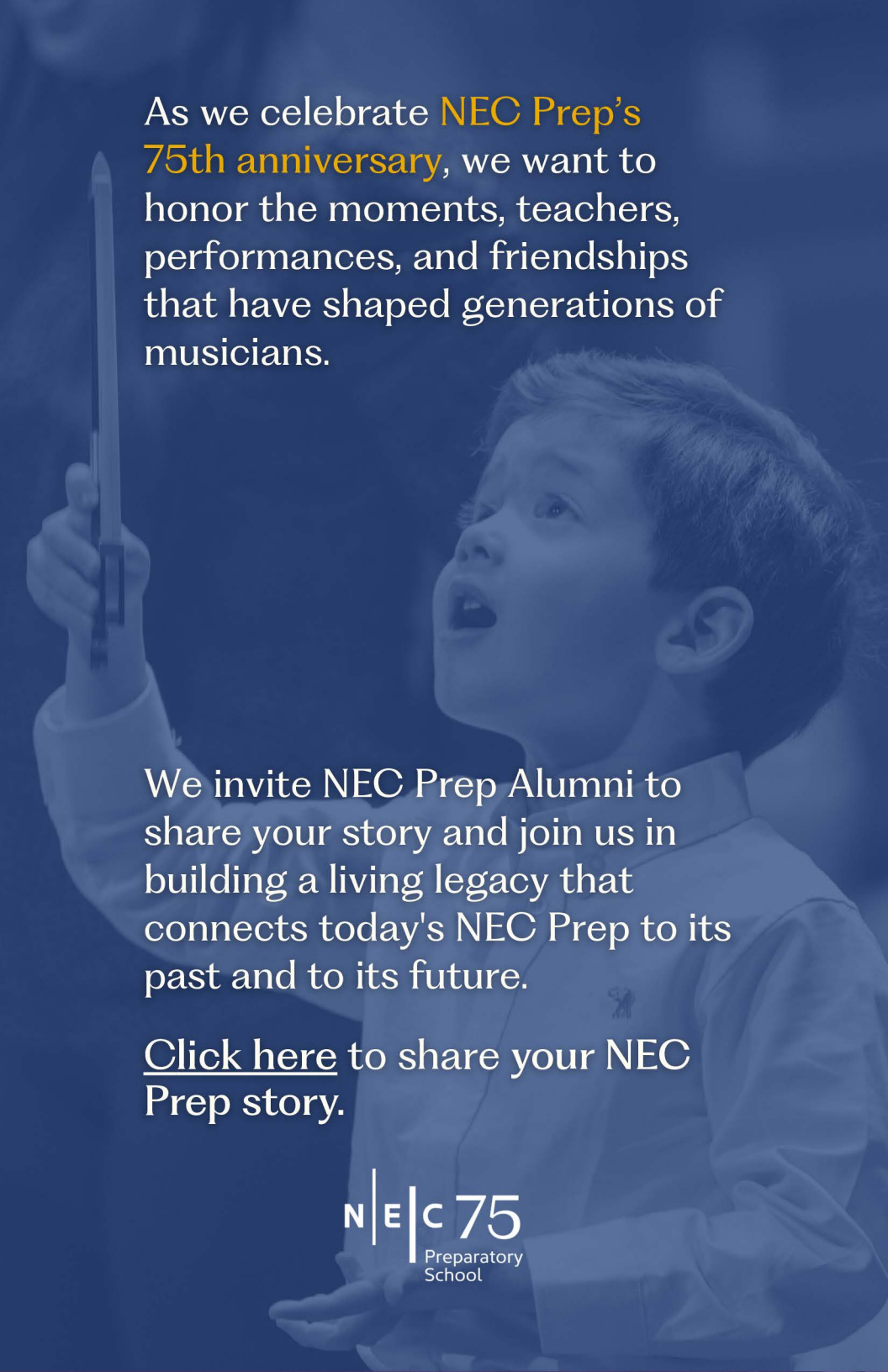
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