

HELEN SUNG JAZZ QUARTET

Piano, bass, saxophone, drums

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 | 7:30 P.M.
CASPARY AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM

Musical selections will be announced from the stage.

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

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FEATURING

Helen Sung Jazz Quartet

Pianist-composer and 2021 Guggenheim Fellow Helen Sung has had a career-long search for inspiration beyond the boundaries of jazz. Born and raised in Houston, TX, Ms. Sung studied classical piano and violin and attended Houston's renowned High School for the Performing & Visual Arts (HSPVA). Continuing her classical piano studies at the University of Texas at Austin, a chance meeting with jazz music caused an eventual course change: she went on to graduate from the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance (at the New England Conservatory) and win the Kennedy Center's Mary Lou Williams Jazz Piano Competition.

Now based in New York City, Ms. Sung has worked with such luminaries as the late Clark Terry, Wayne Shorter, Ron Carter, Wynton Marsalis (who named her as one of his "Who's Got Next: Jazz Musicians to Watch"), MacArthur Fellows Regina Carter and Cecile McLorin Salvant, and Terri Lyne Carrington's Grammy-winning "Mosaic Project." Ms. Sung and her band have performed at major festivals and venues including Newport, Monterey, SFJAZZ, Disney Hall, and Carnegie Hall. Internationally, her "NuGenerations" project toured southern Africa as a U.S. State Department Jazz Ambassador, and recent engagements include debuts at the London Jazz Festival, Jazz at Lincoln Center Shanghai, Blue Note Beijing, and the Sydney International Women's Jazz Festival. In addition, she currently performs with fine ensembles including the Mingus Big Band and McLorin Salvant's Ogresse.

In 2020, Ms. Sung was awarded an NYC Women's Fund grant for Quartet²: a project combining her jazz quartet with a string quartet. She has also completed composition commissions for the West Chester University Poetry Conference, North Coast Brewing Company, JazzReach, and a composer residency at Flushing Town Hall. Inspired by her experience at the Monk Institute, she stays involved in music education through residencies and workshops, and also produced a Jazz Week program benefiting underserved youth in Camden, NJ.

In 2017, the University of Texas College of Fine Arts awarded her its most prestigious honor – the E. William Doty Distinguished Alumna Award, and HSPVA inducted her into its Jazz Hall of Fame. She has served on the jazz faculties at the Berklee College of Music, The Juilliard School, and Columbia University, where she also was the inaugural jazz artist-in-residence at Columbia's prestigious Zuckerman Institute in 2019. Ms. Sung was named a Steinway Artist in 2020.

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The Rockefeller University Community

- 70 heads of laboratory
- 200 research scientists
- 210 postdoctoral investigators
- 270 Ph.D. and M.D.-Ph.D. students
- 1,395 alumni
- 1,325 support staff

Acclaimed Scientists

In the course of Rockefeller's history, 26 of its scientists have been awarded the Nobel Prize, including 7 in the last 23 years alone; 25 have received the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award; and 20 have garnered the National Medal of Science, the nation's highest scientific honor.

At Present, the Scientific Staff at Rockefeller Includes

- 5 Nobel laureates
- 7 recipients of the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award
- 34 members of the National Academy of Sciences
- 4 recipients of MacArthur Fellowships
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- Alzheimer's disease
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- Autism
- Cancer
- COVID-19
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- Hepatitis
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- Parkinson's disease
- Skin diseases
- Vaccine development
- Vision and hearing disorders

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Established in 1910, The Rockefeller University Hospital was the first hospital in the nation dedicated exclusively to patient-oriented investigations. Patients at the hospital are participants in clinical studies that build on basic research findings from Rockefeller laboratories. This allows the university to maintain an unbroken spectrum of research, from basic to clinical.

Groundbreaking Accomplishments

Among the pioneering discoveries at Rockefeller are many seminal advances that have transformed science and reduced human suffering. Scientists at Rockefeller:

- Discovered that DNA is the basic material of heredity
- Developed the influenza vaccine and vaccines against meningitis
- Determined that cancer can be caused by a virus
- Discovered blood groups and ways to preserve whole blood
- Isolated and first successfully tested natural antibiotics
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- Developed the AIDS "cocktail" drug therapy
- Showed that an adult brain of a higher species can form new nerve cells
- Discovered an obesity gene and the weight-regulating hormone leptin
- Discovered the dendritic cell, a key regulator of the immune system
- Discovered the molecular mechanisms controlling circadian rhythm
- Developed assays that paved the way for drugs that cure hepatitis C

An Exceptional Place to Learn

Rockefeller's Ph.D. program offers training in the biomedical and physical sciences. With neighboring Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medicine, the university also offers one of the nation's top M.D.-Ph.D. programs. In addition, Rockefeller provides intensive postgraduate training. At any one time, more than 200 postdoctoral investigators conduct research in university laboratories. Rockefeller's acclaimed Clinical Scholars Program, a three-year master's degree program, provides a unique opportunity for recent M.D. or M.D.-Ph.D. recipients to begin careers in patient-oriented research. Working with senior faculty members, clinical scholars develop and implement translational research studies at The Rockefeller University Hospital.

Infrastructure that Fosters Collaboration and Interaction

Rockefeller invented the modern bioscience institute, and has spent the past 120 years perfecting it. The university's beautifully landscaped 16-acre campus includes nine research buildings containing roughly 500,000 square feet of lab space, where investigators employ the latest technology to answer the most challenging questions in their fields. The Stavros Niarchos Foundation–David Rockefeller River Campus, which opened in 2019 and features the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Research Building, provides a number of new amenities, including additional cutting-edge lab space, a river view dining commons, academic and conference centers, and magnificent rooftop gardens.

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