

About the NJO

The Nebraska Jazz Orchestra (NJO) was founded in 1975 and is one of the Midwest's premier big bands, celebrating over 40 years of great performances. The NJO has toured Europe twice, including a 1997 performance at the prestigious Montreux International Jazz Festival in Switzerland. In 2006, the NJO was featured in a documentary by Nebraska Educational Television entitled "Hard Times Swing," which followed the development of territory swing bands that changed American pop culture. The NJO was awarded the 2007 Mayor's Arts Award for Artistic Achievement in the Performing Arts, and has performed with former *Tonight Show* bandleader Doc Severinsen, guitarist James Valentine of *Maroon 5*, and former David Letterman bandleader Paul Shaffer at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in the last several years. To date, the NJO has released eight recordings, including their recent CD celebrating the ensemble's 40th Anniversary entitled *NJO 40*.



SINGLE ADMISSION TICKETS

Adult: \$28

Student: \$10

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“From Down Under to the Big Apple”

featuring Nadjé Noordhuis, trumpet



With a trumpet sound possessing a “beyond-category beauty” (Dan Bilawsky, All About Jazz), Australian-born trumpeter/composer Nadjé Noordhuis’ deeply-felt, clarion tone and evocative compositional gift meld classical rigor, jazz expression, and world music accents into a sound that is distinctively her own. Noordhuis is a member of the Maria Schneider Orchestra, Darcy James Argue’s Secret Society, the Anat Cohen Tentet, and leads her own ensembles. She has played on two GRAMMY-winning recordings, and seven GRAMMY-nominated albums across a variety of musical genres. She was a semi-finalist in the 2007 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Trumpet Competition and the 2010 National Jazz Awards in Australia.

Tuesday
November 26, 2024
7:30 PM
The Lincoln Marriott
Cornhusker Hotel
333 South 13th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

“Don’t Fret - It’s Jazz!!”

featuring the Young Lions band and
guest artist Peter Bouffard



A native of Vermont, Peter Bouffard is a guitarist, arranger, and educator living in Lincoln, NE. He holds a D.M.A. in Jazz Performance Studies from the New England Conservatory of Music, an M.M. in Jazz Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as an A.S. in Jazz and Contemporary Music and a B.M.Ed. from the University of Maine. Dr. Bouffard has been a member of the University of Nebraska School of Music faculty since 1990 and recently retired from the LPS instrumental music faculty after thirty years of teaching. He is an active guitarist, performing over one hundred engagements per year. He has been an adjudicator, clinician, and/or musical director for a variety of musical events and organizations throughout the country. Peter has been a member of the NJO for over 30 years and has donated dozens of tunes to the group!

Thursday
January 16, 2025
7:30 PM
The Lincoln Marriott
Cornhusker Hotel
333 South 13th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

“Steel Pans and Latin Rhythms”

featuring LPS steel drum band PANgea



PANgea is the only group of its kind in Nebraska. The group was formed as a means to give percussionists throughout LPS more opportunities than they would find in a traditional concert band setting. PANgea is an entity of Lincoln Public Schools. Consisting of members grades 6-12, it is an auditioned group that rehearses once a week on Saturday mornings and performs 10-12 times each spring at various events. Serving as an ambassador for LPS, PANgea aims to reach many different organizations throughout the Lincoln community while providing educational performing opportunities to our students.

Nearly all LPS middle and high schools are represented in the group’s membership.

Thursday
March 6, 2025
7:30 PM
The Lincoln Marriott
Cornhusker Hotel
333 South 13th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

“Sax Spectacular”

featuring the NJO Sax Section and the 2025 Young
Jazz Artist Winner



“I wish we got paid by the note” is a frequent refrain from our saxophone section. They will be turned loose in great music from Thad Jones, Buddy Rich, Don Menza, Charlie Parker, and others. Ed Love, Mark Benson, Paul Haar, Brandon Holloman, and Scott Vicroy better get their keys oiled for this one! This concert will also feature the winner of the 2025 Young Jazz Artist competition. Don’t miss our final concert of the season!

Ed Love
Music Director

Tuesday
June 10, 2025
7:30 PM
The Lincoln Marriott
Cornhusker Hotel
333 South 13th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

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SEASON TICKETS (2024-2025)

Includes all four regular NJO concerts.

Adult # _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

Student # _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Tax-Deductible Donation \$ _____

JAZZ CLUB MEMBERSHIP \$300-\$999

Includes two season tickets, priority seating, newsletter previews of concerts, and recognition in all concert programs.

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