

Civic *Music* Concerts  
Lakeland Community College  
presents

**The Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra and  
The Lakeland Jazz Impact**

*Director Ed Michaels*

**“A Tribute to the  
Music of Sammy Nestico and the  
Great American Songbook”**

*Honoring a great American composer and arranger.*

*Featuring vocalist Debbie Gifford*

**Sunday,  
Nov. 14, 2021  
4 p.m.**



*Arts*  
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**Lakeland**

Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center in D-Building at Lakeland Community College  
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# Arts at Lakeland

## **Mission Statement**

*“To provide  
a learning environment  
that fosters  
aesthetic literacy  
and expressive capability  
through the cultivation  
of artistic techniques and skills  
and the exploration  
of creative traditions  
and possibilities.”*



## **Civic Performance Program**

Lakeland Community College provides talented community members with many opportunities for expressing their artistic abilities in the performing arts. The college's civic performance program, which is a part of the Arts and Sciences Division, offers community members a theater program and music groups through which they can express and advance their talents. The college's five music groups include the Lakeland Civic Orchestra, Lakeland Civic Band, Lakeland Civic Chorus, Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra and Lakeland Civic Flute Choir. Additionally, the college offers talented high school students Jazz Impact, an all-star high school music group. The Lakeland Civic Theatre program offers community members the opportunity to perform in or work backstage on several productions each year. The groups and their directors are listed below:

### **Lakeland Civic Band**

*Director, Daniel D. Crain*

### **Lakeland Civic Chorus**

*Interim Director, Charles Eversole*

### **Lakeland Jazz Impact**

*Director, Ed Michaels*

### **Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra**

*Interim Director, Ed Michaels*

### **Lakeland Civic Orchestra**

*Director, Dr. Matthew Saunders*

### **Lakeland Civic Flute Choir**

*Director, Judith Elias*

### **Lakeland Civic Theatre**

*Director, Dr. Martin Friedman*

If you would like to obtain additional information on or to audition for these civic groups contact Jeri Lynn Pilarczyk at the Arts and Sciences Division:  
phone 440.525.7261 or email [jpilarczyk5@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:jpilarczyk5@lakelandcc.edu).

# LAKELAND CIVIC JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Ed Michaels, Interim Director

## PROGRAM

"Front Burner" – Sammy Nestico

"Bustling" – Ian McDougall / arr. Sammy Nestico

Almost Like Being in Love" – Frederick Lowe & Alan Jay Lerner / arr. Bill Holman  
*featuring vocalist - Debbie Gifford*

"Sway" – Pablo Beltran Ruiz / arr. Mark Taylor  
*featuring vocalist - Debbie Gifford*

"Smack Dab in the Middle" – Sammy Nestico

"Georgia on My Mind" – Hoagy Carmichael / arr. Sammy Nestico

"So Many Songs About Love" – Debbie Gifford / arr. Paul Ferguson  
*featuring vocalist - Debbie Gifford*

"I've Got the World on a String" – Harold Arlen & Ted Koehler / arr. Paul Ferguson  
*featuring vocalist - Debbie Gifford*

"Sweet Georgia Brown" – Ben Bernie, Maceo Pinkard, & Kenneth Casey / Sammy Nestico

## MEMBERS

### TRUMPETS:

Brian Lago – lead  
Richard Sesco  
Tom Stevenson  
Alan Kleinstub

### TROMBONES:

Tim Riley – lead  
Kurt Updegraff  
Dave Bauer  
David Roth

\* indicates sub

### SAXOPHONES:

Ted Terhune – lead alto  
Corey Boldon – alto  
Frank Grandini – tenor  
Larry Diemand – tenor  
Mark DiSanto – baritone

### RHYTHM SECTION:

Joey Skoch\* -piano  
Dave Maxson – guitar  
Joel Meltzer – bass  
Art Lazar – drums  
Neil Hershman – drums  
Zak Bailey – drums

# **LAKELAND JAZZ IMPACT**

Ed Michaels, Director

## **PROGRAM**

"Alright, Okay, You Win" – Sid Wyche & Mayme Watts / arr. Sammy Nestico

"Moten Swing" – Buster & Benny Moten / Sammy Nestico

"How High the Moon" – Morgan Lewis & Nancy Hamilton / arr. David Wolpe

*featuring vocalist - Debbie Gifford*

"Save the Last Dance for Me" – Mort Shuman & Doc Pomus / arr. Scott Ragsdale

*featuring vocalist - Debbie Gifford*

"On the Sunny Side of the Street" – Jimmy McHugh & Dorothy Fields / arr. Sammy Nestico

"Orange Colored Sky" – Milton Delugg & Willie Stein / arr. David Wolpe

*featuring vocalist - Debbie Gifford*

"The Straight Answer" – Paul Ferguson

## **MEMBERS**

### **SAXOPHONES:**

Vivianne Clark (lead alto)

Vince Gamiere (alto)

Tyler Woodley (alto)

Aidan Thacker (tenor)

Corey Boldon (tenor)\*

Jill Fox (Baritone)

### **TROMBONES**

Shawn Holloway (lead)

Tommy Toth

Makayla D'Ercole

Tim Riley\*

### **TRUMPETS**

Chris Hunt (lead)\*

Sam Witczak

Paige Thellman

Owen Tomsic

### **RHYTHM SECTION**

Grant Elsing – piano

Felix Lonas – guitar

Abigail Bemak – vibraphone

Joel Meltzer – bass\*

Evan Palermo – drums

\*indicates sub

## BIOGRAPHIES



**EDWARD G. MICHAELS** – Over the years, Ed Michaels has established himself as a strong voice in the field of music education and saxophone performance. He is well known for his leadership in directing the annual Lakeland Community College Jazz Festival; directing Lakeland's all-star high school jazz ensemble - Jazz Impact; and most recently serving as interim director of Lakeland's Civic Jazz Orchestra.

Mr. Michaels earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Duquesne University, in his native Pittsburgh, PA.; and a Master of Music Degree from Northwestern University, in Evanston, IL., where he studied saxophone with the legendary Dr. Fred

Hemke. Ed studied improvisation with Phil Rizzo, a clinician for the Stan Kenton Jazz Orchestra.

As a tenor saxophonist, Ed is often heard performing with the top musicians of Northeast Ohio, among them, some of his former students. He has recorded a CD as leader, entitled *Going Beyond* on the Nice Jazz Label. The list of musicians with whom Ed has performed includes Phil Woods; Donald Byrd; Pacquito D'Rivera; Bobby Sanabria; and Clarence Clemons. His quartet has played extended engagements at the Century Room of Cleveland's prestigious Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the Grille Room of downtown Cleveland's Embassy Suites Hotel, Cleveland's Fat Fish Blue, and Club Isabella. Whatever the venue, Ed feels a strong commitment to promoting jazz and American music; and this can especially be seen in Ed's love for both teaching and playing.



**DEBBIE GIFFORD** – What does opera and jazz have in common? The answer is Debbie Gifford. Most people find this marriage of opera and jazz unconventional but "Cleveland native Debbie Gifford, has created a style unlike any singer before her – a match made in heaven." She captivates audiences around the world with her impeccable vocal abilities and irresistible charm! Her performance repertoire includes jazz standards, blues, Latin, pop and swing! Earning a master's degree in vocal performance and embracing a passion for jazz, Debbie has united these two musical genres to create a sound that is exclusive to her alone – soulful, sophisticated, passionate.

"Gifford's voice is both smooth and engulfing, wrapping itself around every note and mesmerizing the listener with subtle charm"

*Mike Young, 91.5 FM "Sweet Swing Jazz"*

"Her sensual style of phrasing and timing are the very essence of her creativity. Debbie is spellbinding - she holds the audience in the palm of her hand"

*John Benson, Author & Critic, TGIF Entertainment*

As an internationally renowned jazz recording artist, Gifford, performs in the USA, Canada, Austria, Germany, France, Italy and China. She has shared the stage with many extraordinary jazz musicians including jazz greats: Marcus Belgrave, Bobby Watson, Joe Lovano and Dominick Farinacci. She was the only woman singer to perform with the Birdland Big Band, under the director of Tommy Igoo, at the famous Birdland Jazz Club in New York City and recently performed at Jazz Superstar - Herb Alpert's jazz club "Virbrato" in Beverly Hills, California.

"No woman ever became great by imitation.

Debbie Gifford was unique in her spectacular show at Birdland.

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*Norm N. Nite "Mr. Music", Sirius & XM Satellite Radio*

Discography includes: "You Taught My Heart to Sing," "So Many Songs About Love," double live CD set "Open Airs," recorded at the Palace of the King of Majorca, France; and "One Day at a Time" - all original music written by songwriting team Debbie Gifford and John Trzcinski. The song track "Little Girl Waltz" ("One Day at a Time" CD) was acquired by Cat Studios (France) as a movie soundtrack. Gifford's newest CD Release "Changes" is a compilation of Pop favorites and jazz standards with a new twist and includes Gifford's original song titled "Heartbreak."

"When Debbie Gifford pours her heart and soul into a song ...people listen."

Website: [www.debbiegifford.com](http://www.debbiegifford.com)

Twitter: @DebGiffordMusic

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Youtube Promo Video: [https://youtu.be/u1AkJ\\_7Ofk8](https://youtu.be/u1AkJ_7Ofk8)



**SAMMY NESTICO (1924 – 2021)** – With over 600 educational publications to his credit, Sammy Nestico is best known as composer and arranger for the Count Basie Orchestra from 1970 to 1984. During his tenure with Basie, Sammy directed the recording of ten albums, four of which won Grammy awards. He also led the U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note for 15 years and the Marine Band's White House Orchestra for 5 years.

Sammy has orchestrated music for such major film studios as 20th Century Fox, Universal, Paramount, Warner Brothers, MGM, and Columbia. He has also arranged and/or conducted recording projects for Bing Crosby, Sarah Vaughn, Toni Tennille, Frank Sinatra, Phil

Collins, Barbara Streisand, Natalie Cole, Patti Austin, Nancy Wilson, Paul Anka, Pat Boone, and Ronnie Milsap. His television and commercial credits are numerous.

Sammy Nestico graduated from Duquesne University and has been honored three times by the school with an honorary Doctor of Music degree. The United Air Force Band also pays tribute to him each year by recognizing the work of promising writers with The Sammy Nestico Arranging Award.



# Acknowledgements

*We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all those  
who helped make our performance possible:*

Dr. Morris Beverage, President, Lakeland Community College

Dr. Laura C. Barnard, Executive Vice President & Provost

Dr. Adam Cloutier, Dean for Arts and Sciences Division

Dr. Matthew Saunders, Department Chair, Music

Ms. Jeri Lynn Pilarczyk, Senior Secretary, Arts and Sciences Division

Craig Tucker, Technical Director

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***And, as always, to our loyal audience:  
Many thanks!***



# Make Music at Lakeland



## Miss making music?

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**Lakeland's music department has something for you!**

### Love to perform?

Audition for our civic music ensembles.  
Two years of high school experience recommended.  
Contact the director for information.

#### **Lakeland Civic Flute Choir – MUSC 2730**

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#### **Lakeland Civic Chorus – MUSC 2750**

Charles Eversole: [ceversole2@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:ceversole2@lakelandcc.edu)

#### **Lakeland Civic Orchestra – MUSC 2850**

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#### **Lakeland Civic Band – MUSC 2890**

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#### **Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra – MUSC 2895**

Ed Michaels: [emichaels@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:emichaels@lakelandcc.edu)

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# Artistic

**Art Exhibits**  
*The Gallery at Lakeland*

**Sept. 23 – Nov. 5, 2021**

**"The Skull and Skeleton in Art VII: Folk Art to Pop Culture"**

Curated by Mary Urbas

Costume Party/Artist Reception/Boneyard Market Oct. 28, 2021, 6-9 p.m.

**Nov. 18, 2021 – Feb. 4, 2022**

**"Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition"**

Artist Reception Nov. 18, 2021, 7-9 p.m.

Musical performance by the FAC-PAC.

*College closed Dec. 23, 2021 – Jan. 2, 2022 and Jan. 17, 2022*

**Feb. 20 – April 1, 2022**

**"Celebrate Women's History Month – from WOMAN XV...  
Created by women, of women and about women"**

Curated by Mary Urbas

Artist Reception March 13, 2022, 3:30-5 p.m.

Women of Achievement Awards: Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2 p.m.

**April 10 – May 4, 2022**

**"Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Student Exhibition"**

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony April 28, 2022, 7-9 p.m.

Awards presented at 7:30 p.m. Reception to follow.

**May 19 – July 15, 2022**

**"12th May Show at Lakeland Juried Art Exhibition"**

Artist Reception and Awards Ceremony May 20, 2022, 6-9 p.m.

Awards presented at 7 p.m. Reception to follow.

Visit [lakelandcc.edu/gallery](http://lakelandcc.edu/gallery) for more information and entry forms.

The Gallery at Lakeland is located in the D-Building on the first floor. All gallery exhibitions are free and open to the public. Group gallery tours are available by appointment.

Please contact Mary Urbas, gallery coordinator, at 440.525.7029 or [murbas@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:murbas@lakelandcc.edu).

For more information about the exhibit, visit [lakelandcc.edu/gallery](http://lakelandcc.edu/gallery).

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# Rhythmic

## Civic Music Concerts

Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst  
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**Oct. 17, 2021, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Band, Director Daniel Crain presents

**"Road Trip: A Musical Journey Across North America"**

**Oct. 24, 2021, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Chorus, Interim Director Charles Eversole presents

**"Strength in Community"**

**Nov. 7, 2021, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Orchestra, Director Dr. Matthew Saunders presents

**"Orchestral Homecoming"**

*Special guest Moshi Tang,*

*Senior Division Winner of the 2021 Young Artists Concerto Competition*

**Nov. 14, 2021, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra and Lakeland Jazz Impact, Director Ed Michaels presents

**"A Tribute to the Music of Sammy Nestico  
and the Great American Songbook"**

*Featuring vocalist Debbie Gifford*

**Nov. 21, 2021, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Band, Director Daniel Crain presents

**"Passport to Europe"**

**Dec. 3, 2021, 7 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Flute Choir, Director Judith Elias presents

**"Tis the Season"**

*Featuring pianist Dr. Robert L. Brown, Professor Emeritus Lakeland Community College*

**Dec. 5, 2021, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Chorus, Interim Director Charles Eversole presents

**"Holiday Gifts"**

## **Feb. 27, 2022, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Band, Director Daniel Crain presents

**"Ocean Voyage: Music of the Sea"**

## **March 6, 2022, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Orchestra, Director Dr. Matthew Saunders presents

**"A Family Affair"**

*Special guests Rosabelle and Richelle Shi,*

*Senior and Junior Division Winners of the 2021 Young Artists Concerto Competition*

## **April 10, 2022, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Chorus, Interim Director Charles Eversole presents

**"April Showers of Song"**

## **April 24, 2022, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Orchestra and Lakeland Civic Band,

Director Dr. Matthew Saunders and Director Daniel Crain present

**"Musical Collage"**

*Featuring flutist Judith Elias, director of the Lakeland Civic Flute Choir*

## **May 1, 2022, 4 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Jazz Orchestra and Lakeland Jazz Impact, Director Ed Michaels presents

**"Dealer's Choice"**

## **May 6, 2022, 7 p.m.**

Lakeland Civic Flute Choir, Director Judith Elias presents

**"Night Across the Lands"**

*Featuring a special performance of Dr. Matthew Saunders' "Nod a Don"  
and guest conductor Michael J. Elias*

**Save the date! • March 18-20, 2022**

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To learn more, contact Dr. Matthew Saunders at [msaunders4@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:msaunders4@lakelandcc.edu) or call 440.525.7105.

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