

# Quartet of Happiness

A Theatrical Jazz Experience | Outreach | Education



## Mission Statement

The group's mission is to make jazz accessible to a wide-ranging audience. Playing **games**, wearing **costumes**, and engaging the audience with their unique brand of theatrical jazz. Quartet of Happiness' performances are at times reminiscent of a cross between an improv comedy show and a nightclub jazz act. The group has extensive educational experience conducting clinics, workshops, adjudicating festivals and performing as guest artists to all age levels.

## Performance in Education

Public Schools K-12 and Higher Education

### Elementary Schools

- 2009 Paul Gates Elementary School, Acton, MA
- 2009 Kings Elementary School, Portland, OR
- 2009 Lincoln-Basset Elementary, New Haven, CT
- 2009 Tobin Montessori School, Cambridge, MA
- 2008, 2009 Achievement First School, Brooklyn, NY
- 2008 Sisson Elementary School, Lynn, MA
- 2007 Odyssey Day School, Wakefield, MA

### Middle Schools

- 2009 Spencer Butte Middle School, Eugene, OR
- 2009 Cameron Middle School, Framingham, MA
- 2008 Hingham Middle School, Hingham, MA
- 2008 McCarthy Towne School, Acton, MA

### High Schools

- 2009 Eugene South High School, Eugene, OR
- 2009 Bainbridge High School, Bainbridge Island, WA
- 2008 Independence High School, Independence, IA
- 2007 Beacon High School, Brookline, MA
- 2008 Cedar Rapids Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 2006 Urbandale High School, Urbandale, IA

### Colleges and Universities

- 2009 Tufts University, Medford, MA
- 2009 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- 2009 Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2009 New England Conservatory, Boston, MA
- 2008 University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
- 2006, 2008 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2006 Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA

### Community Music Centers

- 2009 Ethos Music Center, Portland, OR
- 2009 Community Music Works, Providence, RI
- 2008 Zumix, East Boston, MA

## Workshops, Clinics and Adjudication

### Public Schools, Colleges & Universities, and Music Centers

- 2009 Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT – ten workshops with students, grades 4-8
- 2009 Portland State University, Portland, OR – aural skills class
- 2008 Oakmont High School, Oakmont, MA – clinic with concert band members
- 2008 Coe College Jazz Summit, Cedar Rapids, IA – adjudicated middle and high school jazz ensembles
- 2008 Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids, IA – private lessons/small group improvisation clinic
- 2008 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA – clinic with jazz studies majors/minors
- 2008 Zumix Community Music Center, East Boston, MA – workshop with faculty and members of music center
- 2007 University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL – question and answer session, career development
- 2006 Cedar Rapids Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, IA – clinic with jazz band members

## Festivals

- 2009 *Spring into the Arts Festival*, Middlebury, VT
- 2009 *Creative Nation Music Festival*, Cambridge, MA
- 2008 *Jazz Night*, Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 2008 *Newton Wine & Jazz Festival*, Newton, MA
- 2008 *Boston Music Festival*, Somerville, MA
- 2008 *East Boston Harborfest*, East Boston, MA
- 2008 *Jazz Summit*, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 2007 *Jazz Night*, Reading High School, Reading, MA
- 2006 *Summer Music Series*, Roxbury Arts Alliance, Succasunna, NJ

## Selected Recent Press Features

- Boston Globe
- Jazz Times
- Boston Phoenix
- Boston Herald

## Discography

- 2009 *The Monster Returns*
- 2006 *Quartet of Happiness*

## Awards and Honors

- 2008 Ernie Boch Jr. *Music Drives Us* Grant Recipients
- 2007 Boston Music Awards Nominee for *Best Jazz Act*

## Professional Affiliations

- Corporate Sponsorship, David French Music, Westborough, MA

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