

## Festival Concert:

2022-01-27 – Latin Jazz Festival



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## ENSEMBLE CONCERT

### **Latin Jazz Festival Concert**

James Dreier, *director*

Jerome Gillespie, *co-director*

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Voxman Music Building Concert Hall

# UI Latin Jazz Ensemble

James Dreier, *director*  
Jerome Gillespie, *co-director*  
Anibal Rojas, *guest artist*

## PROGRAM

**Samba de Segunda**  
*Jazz Samba – Brazil*

Rayne Dias

**Piesotes**  
*Jazz Rumba – Cuba*

Ralph Irizarry and Timbalaye

**Ah Bailar Cha Cha Cha**  
*Cha Cha Cha – Cuba*

Wayne Wallace  
Lyrics by Pete Escovedo

**Lo Que No Te Dije**  
*Bolero – Cuban/Caribbean*

Victor Mendoza

**Midnight Zone**  
*Jazz Bembe – Cuba/NYC*

Anibal Rojas

# BIOGRAPHY



**Anibal Rojas** is a saxophonist with indigenous roots in a modern world. His is the music of the immigrant, the sound of assimilation and integration, the blending of cultures, classes, and musical traditions.

Born in Chile, Rojas emigrated to the U.S. in his early teens. His parents, fleeing political persecution, bought him a saxophone and signed him up for music lessons to keep him out of trouble. To supplement the family's income – his father's modest doctoral student stipend– Rojas spent his summers as a migrant worker in Iowa's cornfields. All the while, he was learning too – English and music. He scored a full music scholarship auditioning on a horn that was held together with rubber bands and four years later scored a degree in music performance from the University of Iowa.

Anibal has been an integral part of the East Coast music scene for 20+ years. He has performed in major venues nationwide, including Carnegie Hall, The Apollo Theater, The Greek Theater, and Universal Studios Amphitheatre, and has appeared on the television shows "Access Hollywood," "The Joan Rivers Show," "Good Morning America," "The Today Show," "The Early Show," and "The David Letterman Show." He also performs in clubs, theaters, and recording studios of the tri-state area as well as South America, Europe, and Africa. Anibal is a renowned performer in any and all styles on all of the saxophones and flutes. He currently holds the lead tenor sax chair with Ralph Irizarry and Timbalaye. Anibal is also featured on Timbalaye's latest CD *Algo Nuevo*. Anibal's latest CD *Root Kinetic* was released to rave reviews from critics and musicians alike. He can be seen performing music from his CDs with his band "ARQtet."

Anibal has performed and recorded with artists as varied as Blood Sweat & Tears, Brian Lynch, Jeff Lorber, Arturo O'Farrill, Bruce Springsteen, Alicia Keys, Caro Emerald, Patty Griffin, Sheila E., Tony Lakatos, Bobby Martinez, Ralph Irizarry, Timbalaye, Nestor Torres, Paquito D'Rivera, Ray Mantilla, Cuba Gooding, Bobby Chew, and Stevie Wonder, among others.

# PERSONNEL

Gabriel Sanchez – *alto saxophone*

Cole Demro – *tenor saxophone*

Luke Wymore – *baritone saxophone*

Jada Spooner – *trumpet*

Michael May – *trumpet*

Matt Burrows – *trombone*

Rayne Dias – *piano*

Joe Shanks – *guitar*

Askar Khaetov – *bass*

Jerome Gillespie – *drum set; teaching assistant and co-director*

Dylan Davenport – *congas and auxiliary percussion*

Carson Milledge – *timbales and auxiliary percussion*

Joe Smalls – *bongo and auxiliary percussion*

Anibal Rojas – *tenor saxophone guest artist*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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All events are FREE unless otherwise indicated.

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JANUARY			2021
30	3:00 p.m.	Celebrating Beethoven: Complete 32 Sonatas UI Festival, Concert #6	Concert Hall
31	7:30 p.m.	Faculty Recital: Kenneth Tse, <i>saxophone</i>	Concert Hall
FEBRUARY			2021
03	7:30 p.m.	Dalí Quartet with Jorge Montilla, <i>clarinet</i>	Recital Hall
05	7:30 p.m.	Guest Artist Recital: Jacob Benda, <i>organ</i>	Concert Hall
06	1:30 p.m.	Piano Sundays at the Old Capitol: Ksenia Nosikova and Studio	Old Capitol Museum
08	5:00 p.m.	Guest Lecture: Maya Stone - "Moving Forward: Why, How and Why Not Now?"	VOX 2
09	7:30 p.m.	Guest Artist Recital: Maya Stone, <i>bassoon</i>	Recital Hall
12	3:00 p.m.	Arts Share Community Concert: Iowa Percussion	Concert Hall
13	3:00 p.m.	Celebrating Beethoven: Complete 32 Sonatas UI Festival, Concert #5	Concert Hall
13	7:30 p.m.	Center for New Music Ensemble III	Concert Hall
15	7:30 p.m.	Guest Artist Recital: Phil Pierick, <i>saxophone</i>	Recital Hall
19	6:30 p.m.	Band Showcase	Concert Hall
20	1:30 p.m.	Hawkeye Honor Band	Concert Hall
20	7:00 p.m.	Celebrating Beethoven: Complete 32 Sonatas UI Festival, Concert #6	Concert Hall

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