

## Conference Recital:

2023-02-24 – Iowa Steel Band with Victor Provost



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## ENSEMBLE CONCERT

**National Society of Steel Band Educators Conference**

**Iowa Steel Band**

*with special guest* **Victor Provost**

Dan Moore, *music director*

Peter Grubisich, *assistant director*

McKenna Blenk, *assistant director*

Friday, February 24, 2023 at 7:30pm  
Voxman Music Building Concert Hall

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### PROGRAM

Sa fè Lontan (Long Time No See)	Victor Provost
Pin Wheel	Victor Provost
Song for Chelle	Victor Provost
The Alchemist	Victor Provost
Wellspring	Victor Provost

The University of Iowa welcomes the **National Society of Steel Band Educators** (NSSBE) 2023 conference to our campus with a host night concert featuring the music of **Victor Provost**. This is Victor's second visit to the University of Iowa and we are thrilled to be performing an all Provost program that will include selections from our forthcoming album together.



Born and raised on the island of St. John, Virgin Islands, **Victor Provost** is widely regarded as one of the world's leading voices on the unique, and often misunderstood, steelpan. Through appearances at concert halls, clubs, and stages throughout the world, he has developed a reputation as a “dazzling” soloist, crafting an impressive improvisational voice and style. With a strong foundation in Bebop, a contemporary sensibility, and deep roots in Caribbean music, he seamlessly melds and mixes genres.

The Washington D.C. *City Paper* named him “Jazz Percussionist of the Year” six years in a row. His most recent recording, *Bright Eyes*, debuted at #5 on the iTunes Top 40 Jazz Charts and was met with praise from *The Washington Post*, *Downbeat Magazine*, and *Jazz Times*.

Victor has performed and recorded with Jazz Luminaries such as Wynton Marsalis, Paquito D’Rivera, Hugh Masekela, Monty Alexander, Joe Locke, Nicholas Payton, Terrell Stafford, Dave Samuels, Steve Nelson, Ron Blake, and Wycliffe Gordon, among others.

*“In the jazz ecosystem... Provost is a rarity”*  
*Downbeat Magazine*

Victor is an Adjunct Professor of Music at George Mason University and conducts residencies and masterclasses throughout the United States and the Caribbean at schools such as Berklee College of Music in Boston, University of Akron, Miami University, NYU, TTU, The University of Iowa, and Northern Illinois University. He is also an Arts Ambassador to his hometown of St. Johns, U.S. Virgin Islands, which honored him with a Special Congressional Recognition in 2014, and to which he returns frequently to perform and teach as part of Dion Parson’s community-based arts initiative, the United Jazz Foundation.



The **Iowa Steel Band**, under the direction of Dr. Dan Moore, is perhaps the most active ensemble from The UI School of Music. The band performs extensively throughout Iowa and the Midwest under the auspices of the UI Arts Share program. The Iowa Steel Band was formed in 1996 and typically features 15-20 performing members. They have performed in 40 of Iowa's 99 counties and are still counting.

In 2013, the band won the Percussive Arts Society international World Percussion Ensemble Competition as part of the Iowa East–West Percussion Ensemble. The competition was sponsored by PAS, the largest and most prestigious percussion organization worldwide.

The Iowa Steel Band has released four critically acclaimed recordings: *everywhere Calypso*, *Noise Brigade*, *Queen of the Bands*, and their latest album, *Jungle Music with Andy Narell*, which can be heard on Spotify, YouTube, and most other streaming platforms.

One reviewer had this to say about *Jungle Music*:

“This album should be on the shelf of any steel pan enthusiast. The playing and production are superb, and serve as an excellent example of not only how to record steel pans but more importantly, how to play them.”— Josh Armstrong, *Percussive Notes Magazine*

In addition to their regular on-campus concerts and annual spring tour, the band maintains a strong commitment to volunteerism. They have appeared six times for the Compeer of Johnson County's Sounds of Friendship fundraiser concert. They have also performed at events sponsored by UI Cancer Survivors, American Heart Association, UI Dance Marathon, United Way of Johnson County, The Belin-Blank Honors Center, and many others. Each December, the band presents the annual Holiday Percussion Pops concert which supports CommUnity

Crisis Services and Food Bank of Johnson County. The concert brings in hundreds of pounds of food and cash donations to support the Food Bank.

Their repertoire includes music of the Caribbean such as calypso, soca, and reggae as well as folk music of the world, American popular music, and jazz. They regularly perform the most challenging and uplifting music for pans written by composers such as Ray Holman, Andy Narell, Victor Provost, Liam Teague, Mat Britain, Pelham Goddard, Machel Montano, and many others.

**Guest Performers:**

Mat Britain  
Sabrina Gafrick  
Ben Stone

**Iowa Steel Band:**

Gabe Albertus\*\*  
McKenna Blenk\*  
Hannah Casey  
Ava Chopskie  
Zoe Dorr  
Chichi Dusanek  
Peyton Flynn  
Riley Gesell  
Peter Grubisich\*  
Drew Hansen  
Michael Hill  
Brynn Holzwarth\*\*  
Randall Kinner  
Kraig Leahy\*\*  
Kimmy Moore  
Hannah Oberhoffer  
Nathan Ortiz  
Charli Otto  
Ani Perez-Brennan  
Wilder Voelker \*\*

\*Graduate Student

\*\*Graduating Senior

To receive information about Iowa Percussion events via email,  
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## FEBRUARY 2023

25	3:00pm	Northern Illinois University Steel Band NSSBE Concert	Concert Hall
25	7:30pm	Larnell Lewis with Joy Lapps-Lewis & Friends NSSBE Closing Concert 	Concert Hall
26	3:00pm	Key Change: Piano Revolutionaries Series, Concert #5 	Concert Hall
26	7:30pm	Faculty Recital: Wolfgang David, <i>violin</i> & David Gompper, <i>piano</i> 	Concert Hall
27	7:30pm	Iowa Symphony Band: American Bandmasters Association Conference Preview Concert 	Concert Hall

## MARCH 2023

3	7:30pm	Jazz Repertory Ensemble	Concert Hall
4	7:30pm	21st Annual Cello Dayz Concert	Concert Hall
5	1:30pm	Piano Sundays at the Old Capitol: Uriel Tsachor & Studio	Old Capitol Museum