

Winthrop University

College of Visual and Performing Arts
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Ensemble Series

**WINTHROP
JAZZ GUITAR ENSEMBLES**

DR. L. H. DICKERT, JR., DIRECTOR

Assisted by

Yoav Asher, Guest Artist
Matthew Bratton, drums
Ryan Burns, bass



Monday, 06 November, 2023 – 7:30 pm – Barnes Recital Hall

Program

Just Friends

John Klenner
Arr. by Dr. L. H. Dickert, Jr.

Poutin'

Ben Webster
Arr. Dr. Dickert

Sunny

Bobby Hebb
Arr. Dr. Dickert

Superstition

Stevie Wonder
Arr. Dr. Dickert

Cookin'

Lou Donaldson
Arr. Dr. Dickert

Jazz Guitar Ensemble

Robert Keen (guitar 1), Jack Johnson (guitar 2), Ben Phillips (guitar 3)

Program Notes

Just Friends is a 1931 popular song that became a well-loved and frequently performed jazz standard. It is a timeless classic that has been recorded by a variety of artists including Charlie Parker, Chet Baker, and Billie Holiday. (AA 32-bar form)

Poutin' is a straight-ahead minor blues tune written by the legendary tenor saxophonist from the swing era Ben Webster. Released in 1953, it is a hard swinging riff-oriented blues head recorded on the Verve label. (12-bar blues)

Sunny is an enduring classic written and released in 1966 by soul singer/songwriter Bobby Hebb. Hebb wrote this upbeat song with optimistic lyrics to help cope with the tragic loss of his older brother. (16-bar pop song form)

Superstition is this evening's feature track featuring Winthrop senior Yoav Asher. Stevie Wonder wrote this Grammy Award winning song in 1972 that features an infectious and funky groove that made it to number one in the charts.

Cookin' is a contemporary blues head written and recorded in 1953 by alto saxophonist Lou Donaldson. The chord progression is taken from what is known as "Charlie Parker changes" that offer a more challenging version of the basic blues chord changes. (12-bar blues)

Meet the Jazz Guitar Ensemble Personnel



Robert Keen
Kershaw, SC
B.A., Music Tech
junior



Jack Johnson
Cheraw, SC
B.M.E., Choral Music Education
sophomore



Ben Phillips
Chester, SC
B.A., Commercial Music
freshman



Yoav Asher
Special Guest

Yoav Asher is a native Israeli who is finishing his undergraduate performance degree (B.M.) in jazz guitar. He is an active regional performer and a music teacher at The Guitar Center in Pineville NC.

RHYTHM SECTION



Matthew Bratton, drums
Music Teacher
Cherry Park Elementary
M.A.T., Percussion, Winthrop Univ., spring 2021



Ryan Burns
Former Winthrop music major Ryan Burns, well-versed in a variety of musical styles, is an active bassist in the region.
Rock Hill, SC