

CALVIN JONES  
**Big Band**  
Jazz Festival



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## For Immediate Release

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**EVENT:**



**CALVIN JONES BIG BAND Jazz Festival**

Featuring...

**University of the District of Columbia Jazz Ensemble,**

Allyn Johnson, Director;

**Howard University Jazz Ensemble,**

Paul Carr, Director;

**University of Maryland Jazz Ensemble,**

Mark A. Williams Director.

**WHEN:**

**Monday, April 27, 2026 at 8:00 PM**

**WHERE:**

**University Theater of the Arts**

University of the District of Columbia—Bldg. 46 East

4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW • Washington, DC

**TICKETS:**

General Admission – \$20 • Senior – \$15 • Student – \$10

Available at: Music Program – Performing Arts Bldg. 46 West  
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Washington, D.C. – On Monday, April 27, 2026 at 8:00 PM, the BIG BAND sound returns as the powerhouse jazz ensembles from the University of the District of Columbia (directed by Allyn Johnson), Howard University (directed by Paul Carr), and the University of Maryland (directed by Mark A. Williams) celebrate thirty-seven years of world class jazz.

This year, the festival welcomes Paul Carr as director of the Howard University Jazz Ensemble. We also honor the memory of Faunée – a prominent and beloved voice on WDCU-FM Jazz 90 and later WPFW 89.3, and the festival's longtime host. Join us as we celebrate her legacy and the music she championed for decades.

Produced by the University of the District of Columbia Jazz Studies Program and the Felix E. Grant Jazz Archives, the festival began in 1987 as part of a citywide tribute to Duke Ellington. Today, it remains one of the most anticipated events on Washington, D.C.'s jazz calendar.

Tickets are \$20 (general admission), \$15 (senior) and \$10 (student) and can be purchased in advance at the Music Program, Bldg. 46 West, UDC Van Ness Campus, 4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, or online at [www.InstantSeats.com](http://www.InstantSeats.com). Tickets will also be available at the University Theater of the Arts on the night of the performance. The University Theater of the Arts is conveniently located on Metro's Red Line at the Van Ness–UDC stop.

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