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# Faculty Tuesdays

## A Musical Hello

Nathan Mertens, saxophone

Margaret McDonald, piano

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Grusin Music Hall

## Program

### Bravo Sax

Takashi Hoshide (he/him)

### The Fragrance I Loved: Lotus

Nobuhito Sato (he/him)

*Sterling Tanner, trombone*

### Cherry Alley

Yoshinao Nakada (he/him)

### Cherry Blossoms Lane

Sadao Bekku (he/him)

### I Tell You Me

Annika Socolofsky (she/her)

I. Sugar and Spice

II. What Are Little Girls Made Of?

III. They Tell Us We

*Annika Sokolofsky, voice*

*Shannon Donahoe, soprano saxophone*

*Ian Gunnarschja, tenor saxophone*

*Lee Ross, baritone saxophone*

# Vairo Boulevard

Chanell Crichlow (she/they)

# Love on Mars

Austin Perry (any/all)

World Premiere

*Christina Jennings, flute*

# Personnel

*Text that is bold and underlined is a hyperlink; click or tap for more information.*

**Nathan Mertens**, saxophone

**Margaret McDonald**, piano

**Sterling Tanner**, trombone

**Annika Socolofsky**, voice

**Christina Jennings**, flute

**Shannon Donahoe**, saxophone

Shannon Donahoe (she/her) is a saxophonist based in Boulder. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she holds a bachelor's degree in music education and a professional performance certificate in saxophone from Penn State University. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in saxophone performance and pedagogy from the University of Colorado Boulder. While maintaining an active performing career, Donahoe is a teaching assistant for the saxophone studio at CU Boulder and a member of the Sanitas saxophone quartet. Her area of interests include advocating for women\* in music and musician's wellness.

**Ian Gunnarschja**, saxophone

Ian Gunnarschja (he/they) is a master's student at the University of Colorado Boulder, pursuing a degree in saxophone performance and pedagogy under Nathan Mertens. Originally from Oklahoma, Gunnarschja earned a bachelor's degree in saxophone performance at Southwestern Oklahoma State University while studying under Matthew Tracy.

While interacting with a diverse range of students, Gunnarschja remains committed to enhancing his pedagogical approach. Notably, he is dedicated to investigating various resources and methodologies to foster an environment conducive to the learning and performance of neurodiverse musicians through the research of body mapping, the Alexander Technique, and studies of musical cognition.



## Lee Ross, saxophone

Lee Ross is a first-year graduate student at the University of Colorado Boulder, pursuing a Master of Music in saxophone performance. Ross received undergraduate degrees at the University of Arkansas in saxophone performance and music education with an emphasis in teaching students with learning differences. Ross has worked diligently to develop an inclusive community through the founding of Allies+ in Music (AIM)—an organization dedicated to allyship education and LGBTQ+ advocacy. Through AIM, they organized a variety of workshops and panel discussion on topics such as ableism in music, LGBTQ+ resources and the importance of community. As an educator, Ross specializes in teaching students with learning differences, with nationally presented research on neuro-inclusive teaching practices. They continue to pursue research in neuroinclusive practice techniques to create greater access to music for all learners.

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## Student Recitals

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## Educational Events

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