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Guest Artist Recital

Songs from the Diaspora

Rico Allen, saxophone

Suyeon Kim, piano

Monday, Oct. 19, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Chamber Hall

Program

Vicariously Through You (2024)

Ephraim Champion (b. 1999)

Unquiet Waters (2020)

Kevin Day (b. 1996)

II. Still

III. Distrubed

Golden Hour (2022)

Lawren Brianna Ware (b. 1994)

Star Bits (2011)

Corey Dundee (b. 1991)

Surrender (2024)

Steven Banks (b. 1993)

About the Performers

Rico Allen

Rico Allen is a GRAMMY-affiliated nominated recording artist and educator based in Dallas, Texas. Through his passion for music education, he aims to foster the next generation of young musicians.

As an active performer, Allen has performed at various venues across the United States and Europe. In 2014, Allen traveled to New York City and performed at Carnegie Hall with the Tarleton State University Wind Symphony. In 2017, Allen was the baritone saxophone soloist for David Maslanka's *Hell's Gate*. Allen was selected to perform with both the World Adult Wind Orchestra Project and World Youth Wind Orchestra Project in Schladming, Austria, from 2018-2026, where he served as principal soprano/alto saxophone. Allen was the baritone saxophone soloist for the European premiere of Frank Ticheli's *Acadiana*. In 2023, Allen was selected along with the UNT Saxophone Ensemble to perform at the XIX World Saxophone Congress in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain.

Allen currently serves as assistant professor of saxophone/jazz studies at Tarleton State University, teaching applied saxophone and chamber music, and directs Jazz Ensemble II. He also serves as adjunct instructor at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music where he teaches general music courses such as Jazz Appreciation, What's Hot in Popular Music, and Hip Hop History and Culture.

Allen has studied under Claude Parker, Greg Ball, Andrew Stonerock, James Bunte, Rick Vanmatre, Craig Bailey, and Eric Nestler. Allen's professional affiliations are Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, North American Saxophone Alliance, Jazz Educators Network and the Texas Music Educators Association.

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