

# MONTCLAIR JAZZ FESTIVAL®



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## 2023 MONTCLAIR JAZZ FESTIVAL STAGE LINEUP

**Lackawanna Block Party | August 12** (Rain date 8/14)

### **Endea Owens & the Cookout | 6:00 pm**



Known as one of jazz's most vibrant emerging artists, Endea Owens is a Detroit-raised recording artist, bassist, and composer. She has been mentored by jazz icons such as Marcus Belgrave, Rodney Whitaker, and Ron Carter. She has toured and performed with Wynton Marsalis, Jennifer Holliday, Diana Ross, Rhonda Ross, Solange, Jon Batiste, Jazzmeia Horn, Dee Dee Bridgewater, and Steve Turre. In 2018, Owens joined the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert* as a member of the house band, Stay Human. Since then, Owens has won an Emmy, Grammy Award, and a George

Foster Peabody Award. Owens's work has appeared on Jon Batiste's Grammy Award-winning album *We Are*, Oscar-nominated film *Judas and the Black Messiah*, and H.E.R.'s widely acclaimed Super Bowl LV performance.

In 2022, Owens composed an original piece about the life of Ida B. Wells entitled "Ida's Crusade" for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and was also performed by the NYO Carnegie Hall Orchestra. Owens is set to premiere a newly commissioned work with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and will serve as the 2023 MAC Music Innovator with that organization. In addition, Owens is the curator for the National Arts Club and also a fellow for "Jazz is Now!" with the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, where she presents original compositions, curates series, and headlines performances for the 2022-2023 season. Owens's debut album *Feel Good Music* is set for release in 2023.

## DJ Brother Mister *aka Christian McBride* | 8:00 pm



DJ Brother Mister, aka Christian McBride, an eight-time GRAMMY-winning bassist, composer, and bandleader, has always been a huge fan of old school funk & soul music. He welcomes the opportunity to slip into his alter ego DJ Brother Mister, a name honoring one of his idols James Brown, to spin his favorites and play along with the bass line with his masterful skill. McBride is the Artistic Director of the historic Newport Jazz Festival, the New

Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), the TD James Moody Jazz Festival, and the National Jazz Museum in Harlem. McBride is also a respected educator and advocate for youth, and serves as Artistic Director of Jazz House KiDS and the Jazz Aspen Snowmass Summer Sessions. In addition to artistic directing and consistent touring with his ensembles, he hosts NPR's *"Jazz Night in America"* and *"The Lowdown: Conversations With Christian"* on SiriusXM. Whether behind the bass or away from it, Christian McBride is always part of the music. From jazz to R&B, and pop/rock and hip-hop/neo-soul to classical, he is a luminary with one hand ever reaching for new heights, and the other extended in fellowship—and perhaps the hint of a challenge—inviting us to join him.

## Charlie Sigler Quartet | 4:30 pm



Guitarist Charlie Sigler has been an active member of the music community since his high school years studying and performing in the Baltimore/Washington D.C. area. A graduate of William Paterson University with a B.A. in Jazz Performance, Charlie has performed with many greats of the music including Christian McBride, Slide Hampton, Billy Hart, Victor Lewis, Lenny White, Winard Harper, Harold Mabern, Norman Simmons, Joe Magnarelli, Myron Walden, Akiko Tsuruga, Jared Gold, Vince Ector, Bruce Williams, Jerry Weldon and Radam Schwartz amongst many others. He has performed at clubs and festivals throughout the region including the

MONTCLAIR JAZZ FESTIVAL, Litchfield Jazz Festival, Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival, AFRAM and the Berks Jazz Festival.

Charlie Sigler- Guitar  
Josh Evans- Trumpet  
Kyle Koehler- Organ  
Chris Beck- Drums

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