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# ISAIAH J. THOMPSON TRIO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

7:30 PM

MAHANEY ARTS CENTER, ROBISON HALL



# **Isaiah J. Thompson Trio**

*Isaiah J. Thompson, Piano*

*Sebastian Rios, Bass*

*Matthew Lee, Drums*

Program to be announced from the stage.

Tonight's concert will be played through with no intermission.



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and the Rothrock Family Residency Fund.*

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## ***Biographies***

### **Isaiah J. Thompson, Piano**

Pianist and composer Isaiah J. Thompson is originally from West Orange, New Jersey. He began studying with pianist Alla Epelbaum at The Calderone School of Music and Bob Mikula from an early age and soon after enrolled in Jazz House Kids and NJPAC Jazz For Teens. He was later admitted to The Juilliard School where he graduated with both his Bachelor's and Master's of Music degrees and furthered his education in Christian studies at Fuller Theological Seminary.



Thompson joined the John Pizzarelli Trio in 2019 and has performed with other major artists such as Christian McBride, Steve Turre, Catherine Russell, and Buster Williams. His recording debut was featured on Jazz at Lincoln Center's *Handful of Keys* album with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, and he has since released multiple recordings as a leader.

Thompson worked on the Golden Globe nominated soundtrack for the film *Motherless Brooklyn*, was named a Steinway Artist, and has been awarded other accolades, including the 2018 Lincoln Center Emerging Artist Award and second place in the 2018 Thelonious Monk Competition.

In 2023, he was named the winner of the American Pianists Awards and the Cole Porter Fellowship in Jazz. In 2024, Thompson joined the Jazz Studies faculty at The Juilliard School.

As a jazz musician and performer, Isaiah aims to emit love, spirit, and respect and convey his faith through his artistry.

[www.isaiahjthompson.com](http://www.isaiahjthompson.com)

### **Sebastian Rios, Bass**

Sebastian Rios has studied and performed with Jazz greats such as Ron Carter, Wynton Marsalis, and Roy Hargrove. He is a Juilliard alumnus, 2024 ASCAP Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award winner, and a Young Arts National Merit winner. Rios is a member of the New Jazz Underground trio, and a composer/bandleader as part of the Gen Z movement of jazz artists based in New York City.

### **Matthew Lee, Drums**

Percussionist Matthew Lee is a recent Juilliard graduate. Along with playing beside his musical family members, Lee has performed and recorded extensively with bassist Russel Hall and has played with Emmet Cohen on “Live at Emmet’s Place.” Lee has also performed alongside Middlebury’s series artist Cyrus Chestnut.

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