

# Joshua Polion

**Jazz Trumpeter | Composer | Music Educator**

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## Summary:

With over a decade of experience, Joshua is a stellar jazz artist whose career is bridging performance, recording, and mentorship. He continues to expand his impact as a touring performer and advocate for the cultural legacy of Black American Music.

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## Performance Experience:

- **International Association for Jazz Performance** – Gustav Mahler Private University, Austria (2025)
- **Baltimore Jazz Festival** – Baltimore, MD (2025)
- **Faena Theater, Miami Beach** – with Paquito D’Rivera (2025)
- **Monarch Jazz Sessions** – Louisville, KY (2024)
- **California Jazz Festival** – with Frost Jazz Orchestra (2024)
- **John Daversa Big Band** – Miami, FL (2024)
- **Jazz Education Network (JEN) Conference** – with Frost ensembles (2024)
- **Jazz Aspen Snowmass Summer Residency with Christian McBride** – Aspen, CO (2023)
- **Dizzy’s Club, Jazz at Lincoln Center** – with Stamps Jazz Quintet (2023)
- **Louisville Don Krekel Jazz Orchestra** – Louisville, KY (2023)
- **Faena Theater, Miami Beach** – with Miguel Zenón combo (2022)
- **Willy Chirino 50th Anniversary Latin Music Legacy** – Miami, FL (2022)
- **Latin Jazz Orchestra with Dafnis Prieto** – Miami, FL (2022)
- **Berklee Aspire 5-Week Jazz Combo** – with Terri Lyne Carrington & Edmar Colón (2021)
- **Kentucky Derby Jazz Residency with Mondre Moffett** – Louisville, KY (2021)

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## Mentors & Collaborations:

- **Brian Lynch** – Trumpeter, Composer (performance & recording collaborator)
- **Etienne Charles** – Trumpeter, Bandleader (ensemble member)
- **Sean Jones** – Trumpeter, Educator (ensemble work, Peabody Institute)
- **Mondre Moffett** – Trumpeter, Arranger (residency collaborations)

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## Jazz Education & Outreach:

- Conducted touring jazz combo masterclasses across **New York, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami** (2023–2025)
- Over 8 years of teaching experience for trumpet and piano, working with students of all ages and skill levels.
- Developed lesson structures incorporating improvisation, and contemporary technical practices.

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## Festivals & Residencies:

- Baltimore Music Festival (2025)
- Miami Faena Theater - Pa’Quito D’Rivera (2025)
- Klagenfurt, Austria Jazz Sessions (2025)
- Jazz Education Network (2024)
- Miami Faena Theater - Miguel Zenon
- Studio City Jazz Festival (2023)
- Jazz Aspen Snowmass (2023)

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## Awards & Recognitions:

- Student DownBeat Music Awards (2025)
- Rowe Stamps Scholars (2021-2025)
- President’s Music Scholarship (2021-2025)
- Black Achiever's Program (2021)
- YPAS Louis Armstrong Award (2021)
- SuperProf Education Excellence (2021)
- Kentucky All-State Jazz Principle (2020)

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**Professional Affiliations:** International Society of Jazz Arrangers & Composers (ISJAC), Jazz Education Network (JEN), University of Miami Alumni, Music Business Association, Miami Black Musician’s Caucus, International Association for Schools of Jazz, Downbeat Student Music

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**Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University** – Master of Music, Jazz Trumpet Performance (2025-Present)

**Frost School of Music, University of Miami** – Bachelor of Music, Studio Jazz Trumpet (2021-2025)

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