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KANSAS CITY AREA YOUTH JAZZ ANNOUNCES 2021 FELLOWS AND COMPOSERS

Leavenworth - Kansas City Area Youth Jazz (KCAYJ) has announced its 2021 Season Fellowships after concluding the auditions process. In addition to the strategic partnership and alliance with **BRC Audio Productions**, Kansas City Area Youth Jazz has partnered with **The Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts** to present its program model.

Selected youth jazz artists are assigned to instrumental positions within the two ensembles this season. Members selected for "**The Bill Crain Ensemble**" are: **Parker Woolworth** (piano), **Ari Staggs** (acoustic and electric basses), **Nathan Oldham** (drums), **Sam Panico** (trumpet + flugelhorn), **Kiersten Glass** (trumpet + flugelhorn), **Nick Walker** (alto + tenor saxophone), **Henry Scamurra** (alto saxophone), **Carter Beucher** (soprano + tenor saxophone), **Henry Fears** (trombone), and **Patricia Loving** (bass trombone + euphonium); and, "**The Leon Brady Ensemble**" fellows are: **Ari Staggs** (piano), **Jess Glennon** (guitar), **Jordan Faught** (acoustic and electric basses), **Maurice Butler** (drums), **Brett Carter** (percussion), **Kenji Penniman** (trumpet + flugelhorn), **Carson Krop** (trumpet + flugelhorn), **Mateo Navarro** (alto saxophone), **Daniel Gardner** (alto saxophone), **Joshua Rivera** (tenor saxophone), and **Asa Martin** (trombone + tuba). Ensembles will rehearse, refine, and record original music written for them.

"The 2021 Fellows album will be professionally released on the ARC label and distributed worldwide," states Mr. Burnett, the program's Artistic Director and one of the Associate Musical Directors. "Kansas City Area Youth Jazz is a spring-and-summer-only program that is free of charge to participants in order to preclude any barriers to participating. We look forward to working with members of the next generation of talented young artists again this season."

Associate Musical Directors, Clinicians, Composers, and Business Staff for 2021 are **Christopher Burnett**, **Rev WM Thornton**, and **David Cunningham**. **William Crain** of BRC Audio Productions will serve as the primary recording engineer, technical consultant, and album producer. **Dr. Arthur White**, who is the director of Jazz Studies at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) has been selected as the primary 2021 Kansas City Area Youth Jazz Composer-In-Residence. Dr. White was the composer for the very first youth jazz season. Kansas City Area Youth Jazz is a young jazz artist program that in addition to performances, also exposes those selected for fellowships to business aspects of the music industry unique to the process of preparing artistic music like Jazz for commercial recording and release. The program has two professional albums available commercially on the internationally recognized ARC recording label. The debut recording, "2019 Fellows" album was also released as a limited edition vinyl LP. The "2020 Fellows" album will be released to all of the digital platforms this August.

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