

# Nathan Borton

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## Education

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- Michigan State University, Masters of Music in Jazz Studies, East Lansing, MI 2017-19
- Friends University, Music Performance, Wichita, KS 2011-16
- Berklee College of Music, completed course work, Boston, MA 2014-15

## Performance

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- Friends University Alumni All-Star Big Band w/ Four Freshman, Wichita, KS February 2019
- MSU Professors of Jazz, East Lansing, MI February 2019
- Opening act for Freddie Cole | Private Performance, Detroit, MI August 2018
- Detroit Jazz Festival with MSU Jazz Orchestra 1, Detroit, MI August 2018
- Lansing Jazz Festival with Altin Sencalar Quartet, Lansing, MI August 2018
- East Lansing Jazz Festival with Chris Glassman Quartet, East Lansing, MI June 2018

## Composition

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- Composer/Performer | originals works for octet and combo played at masters recital April 2019
- Composer | original work performed at JEN conference by Solstice jazz group January 2018
- Composer | Had multiple compositions performed w/ Friends University's big band 2015-16
- Composer/Performer | original works at KCKCC Jazz Festival, KC, MO April 2015

## Pedagogy

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- Faculty member at Jazz and Creative Institute in Kalamazoo, MI 2018-19
- Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University 2017-19
- Jazz faculty member for Spectrum piano camp at MSU 2018
- Brevard Jazz Institute Teaching Assistant 2018
- Private instructor of non-major guitar students at Michigan State University 2017-18
- Instructor of Jazz combos (MUS131) at Michigan State University 2017-18

## Community Outreach and Start-ups

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- Outreach | Education outreach tour in East Lansing w/ Sencalar/Glassman Sextet 2019
- Start-up | Started monthly jazz performance and jam at Blue Owl Coffee in Lansing, MI 2018
- Start-up | Started weekly jazz performance at Mort's Cigar Bar, Wichita, KS 2017

## Awards/Honors

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- Downbeat Student Artist Award-winner for "Graduate Jazz Soloist" April 2019
- Downbeat Student Artist Award-winner for "Engineered Live Recording" April 2019
- Finalist | Wilson Center International Guitar Competition, Milwaukee, WI July 2018
- Summer Solstice Jazz Festival 2018 Student Artist Winner June 2018
- Graduate Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University 2017-19

## References (Information Available Upon Request)

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- Rodney Whitaker, Director of Jazz Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- Randy Napoleon, Assistant Professor of Jazz Guitar, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- Lisa Hittle, Director of Jazz Studies, Friends University, Wichita, KS
- Benje Daneman, Director of Jazz and Creative Institute, Kalamazoo, MI