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Guest Artist Recital | Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | 8:00 p.m.
Paul Voertman Concert Hall

John Patitucci Trio

John Patitucci, bass
Chris Potter, saxophone
Obed Calvaire, drumset

program to be selected from the following and announced from the stage

- Think Fast (2024) John Patitucci
(b. 1959)
- Thoughts and Dreams (2024) John Patitucci
- Spirit Fall (2024) John Patitucci
- House of Jade (1964).....Wayne Shorter
(1933–2023)
- Light in the Darkness (2024)..... John Patitucci
- Silent Prayer (2024) John Patitucci
- Visa (1949).....Charlie Parker
(1920–1955)
- Without a Song (1929)Vincent Youmans
(1898–1946)
- Sonrisa (2024)..... John Patitucci

Program three hundred nineteen of the 2024–2025 season
Photography and videography are prohibited

Biographies

Acoustic and electric bassist **John Patitucci** has been at the forefront of the jazz world for the last 30+ years and active in all styles of music. He is a 4-time Grammy award winner, has been nominated over twenty times and has played on many other Grammy award-winning recordings. He has performed and/or recorded with jazz giants such as Dizzy Gillespie, Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, Stan Getz, Freddie Hubbard, Roy Haynes, Wynton Marsalis, Michael Brecker, Kenny Garrett, Victor Feldman, Nancy Wilson and countless others. John has also performed and/or recorded with pop artists such as Natalie Cole, John Mayer, Alicia Keys, Joni Mitchell, Bono, Sting, Norah Jones, James Taylor, Carole King and Paul Simon.

He has been active as a composer with seventeen solo recordings of his own and has been commissioned to write for various chamber music groups. John has performed as a soloist with the Swedish Chamber Orchestra, the Estonian National Symphony, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Trondheim Symphony of Norway, the St. Louis Symphony, the London Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony. In early 2020, John's composition, a protest piece entitled *Hypocrisy*, was premiered in Toronto and performed by the Royal Conservatory Orchestra, along with Danilo Perez, Brian Blade and Mr. Patitucci.

After touring with the award-winning Wayne Shorter Quartet for over 20 years, John continues to tour with his own projects, including the John Patitucci Electric Guitar Quartet, his Brazilian Trio and the John Patitucci Trio featuring saxophonist Chris Potter and drummer Brian Blade. That Trio released a recording in 2022 entitled *Live in Italy*. He also tours with the Children of the Light Trio and the Wayne Shorter Legacy Project.

In January 2025, John received the Lifetime Achievement Award from *Bass Magazine* and received another Grammy Award nomination. His latest recording, *Spirit Fall*, is released on February 14, 2025 on Edition Records.

A world-class soloist, accomplished composer, and formidable bandleader, Grammy Award nominated saxophonist **Chris Potter** has emerged as a leading light of his generation. Potter's music showcases limitless creativity and a vibrant sense of swing, prompting critics, musicians, and fans alike to cite him as the one of the finest saxophonists today. The New Yorker calls Potter, 'A tenorist who can remind you of Joe Henderson at his craftiest, he employs his considerable technique in the service of music rather than spectacle.' With his 2019 Edition Records release, *Circuits*, Potter makes a return to groove, echoing music from his Underground era. Joined by keyboardist James Francies and drummer Eric Harland, Potter's new music thrives on the band's chemistry, blending a vibrant soundscape of electronics, melodies with unforgettable hooks, and surprising turns of phrase, all played with relentless energy.

Obed Calvaire, a native of Miami and of Haitian descent is a graduate with both a master's and bachelor's degree of music from one of America's premiere private music conservatories in the nation, Manhattan School of Music. He received his bachelor's degree in 2003, completing the undergraduate degree requirements in three years and receiving his master's in 2005.

Mr. Calvaire has performed and recorded with artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Seal, Eddie Palmieri, Vanessa Williams, Richard Bona, SFJazz Collective, David Foster, Mary J. Blige, Stefon Harris, The Clayton Brothers Quintet, Mike Stern, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Peter Cincotti, Monty Alexander, Miguel Zenon, Music Soulchild, Nellie McKay, Yellow Jackets, Joshua Redman, Steve Turre, and Lizz Wright to name a few. He has also performed with large ensembles such as the Village Vanguard Orchestra, Metropole Orchestra, the Mingus Big Band, Maria Schneider, Roy Hargrove big band, and the Bob Mintzer Big Band. Currently, Obed Calvaire can be found playing with the Jazz At Lincoln Center Orchestra, Dave Holland, Sean Jones, Yosvany Terry, John Patitucci, among others.