ABOUT THE MUSICIANS

Holiday Jazz Concert

Sunday, December 13, 2026

Watchung Arts Center



Destiny Autumn — VOCALS

One of the New Jersey/New York metro area's most sought-after jazz vocalists, Destiny is also an accomplished pianist, composer, arranger and educator, with a degree in jazz vocal performance from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. She has performed with combos, ensembles and choirs in many styles, and on private projects across the country.



John Lenis — ACOUSTIC BASS

Bassist John Lenis has been active on the New York jazz scene for the past 25 years, performing and recording as a longtime member of ensembles led by Nobuki Takamen, Sean Harkness, Noshir Mody, Hyeseon Hong, Julia Barry and Trio Nina Lomeo. He has played at many of the area's clubs and festivals and has toured the US, Canada, the UK and Japan.



Gavin Davies — DRUMS

An active drummer on the New Jersey music scene for 30 years, Gavin holds a degree in Studio Music and Jazz from the University of Miami and earned his New Jersey teaching certificate at New Jersey City University. He went on to teach music in New Jersey public schools for 25 years.



Chris DeVito — PIANO

Born in New York City into a family of avid jazz fans and musicians, Chris has been playing since age 3. For many years he has performed as leader and sideman alongside many of the area's finest jazz artists, at jazz venues, restaurants, churches and private events across the greater New York area. Hear him Thursdays at the Red Horse Steakhouse, or visit ChrisDeVitoJazz.com.