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INNOVATION QUINTET

The Innovation Quintet is an active group of musicians and educators whose mission is to promote and educate Southwest Ohio residents on the historical and cultural impact of the American art form of jazz. From special events, clinics, master classes to concerts and more the Innovation Quintet provides many avenues to share their passion for music to people of all ages and backgrounds. For more information on how to book the group please contact us through the options listed below.

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Bill Burns

Bill Burns is an active jazz educator and performer. Bill is the founder and leader of the Bright Moments Jazz Quintet and the Unity Saxophone Quartet. He is a member of the Dayton Jazz Orchestra, The Psychoacoustic Orchestra, The Tom Daugherty Orchestra, and various regional bands. Bill's performance experience includes work on Norwegian and Holland America Cruise lines, the Dayton Philharmonic, the Northern Kentucky Symphony, and the Blue Wisp Big Band. As an educator, Bill has been on faculty with the Miami Valley Jazz Camp since 1996. He currently teaches General Music and Jazz Ensemble in Centerville City Schools and serves as adjunct professor at Sinclair Community College. Bill holds a B.A. in Education from the University of Dayton and a Masters in Saxophone Performance from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

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Chris Braun

Chris Braun is a versatile performer, conductor and educator. Chris currently serves as the Adjunct Trumpet Instructor at Sinclair College, adjunct music instructor at Edison State Community College, and trumpet teacher at Spring Valley Academy and That Music Place. As a performer Chris plays with the Mason Symphony Orchestra, the Mad River Brass, Ryan Roth and The Comeback Special and is regularly called upon for freelance work. Chris earned his Master of Music in Trumpet Performance degree from Wright State University and his Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies from The Ohio State University. Chris' musical experiences include over 10 years serving as a church music director in Florida and Ohio, performing on Premier Cruise Lines, leading the Sinclair Trumpet Ensemble at the 2017 and 2018 Ohio ITG Conferences, performing with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and The Dayton Jazz Orchestra. Chris is a contributor to the International Trumpet Guild and performing member of the Dayton Music Club.

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**Cameron
Voorhees**

Cameron Voorhees has a BA in Composition from Berklee College of Music. He retired as a Master Sergeant from the US Air Force, serving his country as an airman-musician in the AF Band career field. During his 20-year career, he performed as a guitarist in a wide variety of styles, genres, and musical ensembles. His experiences include composing, arranging, instructing, as well as band leader and supervisor. Alongside his military service, he has enjoyed serving his local church as a multi-instrumentalist, band leader, arranger, guitar instructor, core group leader, Sunday-school, and bible class teacher. Since his retirement, he is engaged in the local community as a performer on guitar, piano, and bass with various groups in the Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus area. He remains active in music arranging, music transcription services, and recording studio work.

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**Eddie
Brookshire**

Eddie Brookshire is one of the most dynamic and in demand bass players in the Cincinnati/Dayton area. He grew up in Carthage, Mississippi and began playing bass at the age of 21. He received a Bachelor of Music in jazz studies from Central University in Ohio and a Master of Music in world music studies from Northern Illinois. Eddie is a leading educator and is currently adjunct professor of jazz bass, improvisation, and jazz combos at the University of Dayton and Sinclair Community College. Eddie is a music scholar and has published several articles. He is an active member of the International Association of Jazz Educators as well as the African-American Jazz Caucus and big band. Eddie is the founder and leader of the Eddie Brookshire Big Band and leads his own quintet. Over the years Eddie has traveled the globe playing with many prominent jazz artists including Snooky Young, Woody Shaw, Rusty Bryant, Benny Maupin and many more.

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John Parcell

John Parcell is the head of music department at Sinclair Community College where he teaches music theory, aural skills, online music appreciation, composition and jazz drumming. Dr. Parcell was selected as the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Ohio Professor of the Year in 2009. Originally from Miami, Florida, he received a Ph.D. in music composition from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 2002. Before teaching at Sinclair, Dr. Parcell was a visiting assistant professor at Haverford College, as well as an adjunct professor at both SUNY-Stony Brook and Suffolk County Community College. Dr. Parcell's music has been performed in festivals, concerts, conferences and recitals across North America. He received Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Certificates of Merit in 2009 and 2011, as well as DayTony Awards for composition and music direction in 2008 and 2010.

