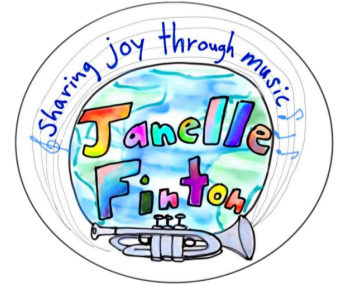


Janelle Finton

Education

- Graduated magna cum laude with a B.M. in jazz trumpet performance from the University of Miami
- Class of 2023 Frost School of Music Overall Outstanding Senior Award



Awards & Recognition

- Chosen to represent Frost in the International Association of Schools of Jazz conference in Helsinki, Finland, performing original music with students all over the world (2023)
- Downbeat award winner for best jazz arrangement in the student music awards (2021)
- Downbeat Outstanding Performance Award as a member of Frost Jazz Vocal 1 (2020,2021)
- Aspen JAS Academy Big Band (Director Christian McBride) (2020)
- Carnegie Hall's NYO Jazz led by Sean Jones which toured to Europe with guest soloist Dianne Reeves (2018), and toured to Asia with guest soloist Kurt Elling (2019), Wycliffe Gordon and Jon Faddis guest soloists at Carnegie Hall Performance
- American Composer's forum "Next Notes" composition contest winner (2019)
- ILMEA State composition contest winner in arrangement category (2019)
- NAFME All-National Jazz Band (2018)
- NAFME All-National Concert Band (2017)

Experience and Skills

Performance

- Featured vocalist with Maria Schneider Orchestra at Ravinia Festival, Elmhurst Jazz Festival (2023, 2024)
- Trumpet Section member of the Generation Gap Jazz Orchestra at the New Trier Jazz Festival (2024)
- Trumpet section member of the John Daversa Progressive Big Band at the Baked Potato in LA, the Faena Hotel in Miami, Jazz Education Network Conference (2022,2023,2024) Live album recording at the Baked Potato (2023)
- Trumpet section member of the Grace Fox Big Band, playing at Birdland, Dizzy's club, and Times Square in New York (2022,2023)
- Played with Jihye Lee, Terrell Stafford, Dick Oatts, and Regina Carter as a member of the Frost Concert Jazz Band (2023)
- Played with Christian McBride, played lead trumpet in the world premiere of Chucho Valdes' "La Creación", with Hilario Durán and John Beasley, as a member of the Frost Studio Jazz Band (2021)
- Leading worship, playing piano, trumpet, and singing in church worship band

Composition

- Big band chart "Letting Go: Space for Joy" published through Brava Jazz
- Vocal Jazz arrangement of Cole Porter's "I Love You" through Anchor Music
- Arranged and Orchestrated "Dancing in the Street" arr. by John Daversa for Regina Carter and the Frost Concert Jazz Band (2023)
- Recorded big band composition "Letting Go: Space for Joy" with the Frost Jazz Orchestra (2023)
- Orchestra reading for piece "Hope Amidst the Longing" by the Frost Repertory Orchestra
- Arranged a big band chart for Carnegie Hall's NYO Jazz, and performed it at the Young Euro Classic Festival in Berlin (2018)

- Private lessons and classes working on jazz composition/arranging, orchestration, 18th century counterpoint, engraving on Finale, Logic Pro, film/media writing, and songwriting. Professors include Troy Roberts, Dr. Stephen Guerra, Dr. Scott Stinson, Gary Fry
- Toplining

Teaching

- Teaching private lessons in the Chicago area and at Conant and Palatine High Schools
- Directing an a cappella group at Niles West High School
- Jazz Trumpet and voice instructor for Interlochen Arts Academy summer camp 2024

Private Instructors

Classical trumpet- Scott MacQuarrie 2012-2019

Jazz trumpet- Mark Olen 2016-2019

Brian Lynch 2019-2023 Etienne Charles 2022

Classical voice- Kirsten Leslie 2015-2019

Jazz Voice- Dr. Kate Reid 2021-2022

Composition/Notation- Dr. Stephen Guerra 2020 Gary Fry 2020

Improvisation- Dafnis Prieto 2021

- Additional artists/professors worked with at Frost include: John Daversa, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Maria Schneider, Luciana Souza, John Hart, David Chiverton, Gary Lindsey, Shelly Berg, Chuck Bergeron