

Wayne Shorter Quartet

Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Pre-concert conversation at 7:15 pm

This is the 718th concert in Koerner Hall

Wayne Shorter, saxophone

Danilo Pérez, piano

John Patitucci, bass

Brian Blade, drums

Wayne Shorter

One of the most influential saxophonists and composers in the pantheon of modern music, let alone jazz, Wayne Shorter is currently celebrating his 83rd terrestrial year. Regarded as a pioneer since his emergence in the 1950s, his trajectory has restlessly embodied continual exploration and unencumbered momentum. A generation of musicians and fans see and hear him as a humble master who created a timeless vocabulary – as vital as it is unbound. Shorter won in three categories of the 2014 JJA Jazz Awards, taking honors for Musician of the Year, Record of the Year for his quartet's searing Blue Note release, *Without A Net*, and the Wayne Shorter Quartet was named top Midsized Ensemble of the Year.

Danilo Pérez

Grammy Award winner Danilo Pérez is among the most influential and dynamic musicians of our time, whose distinctive blend of Pan-American jazz (covering the music of the Americas, folkloric, and world music) has attracted critical acclaim and loyal audiences. His abundant talents and joyous enthusiasm make his concerts both memorable and inspiring. Whether leading his own ensembles or touring with renowned jazz masters (Wayne Shorter, Roy Haynes, Steve Lacy), he is making a decidedly fresh imprint on contemporary music, guided, as always, by his love for jazz.

John Patitucci

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 three time Grammy Award winner, has been nominated over 14 times, and has played on many other Grammy Award-winning recordings. He is an active composer with 13 solo recordings of his own and has been commissioned to write for various chamber music groups. Patitucci is currently an Artist in Residence at Berklee College of Music's Global Jazz Institute and launched an interactive online bass school through ArtistWorks. His latest instructional book is *Melodic Arpeggios and Triad Combining*.

Brian Blade

The multi-talented young veteran is already widely respected in the jazz world as drummer, composer, and leader of Brian Blade and The Fellowship Band, with whom he has released three albums. He is also known as the drummer for many heroes of the music world, including Daniel Lanois, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Wayne Shorter, Seal, Bill Frisell, and Emmylou Harris. Blade is always searching for the balance that gives a song a personal story with an outward reaching resonance. Since 2000, he has been part of the Wayne Shorter Quartet.

Danilo Pérez made his Royal Conservatory debut on March 27, 2010; John Patitucci and Brian Blade on May 4, 2013; and Wayne Shorter is making his debut tonight.