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John Paulson Jazz Trio to Bring Sophisticated Sounds to Lake City Area Arts on April 4 LAKE CITY, MN – The John Paulson Jazz Trio is set to perform an evening of soulful standards and original compositions at Lake City Arts on **Saturday, April 4, 2026**. The performance will run from **7:00 PM to 9:30 PM**, offering the community a premier jazz experience in an intimate setting. Led by veteran saxophonist John Paulson, the trio features some of the region's most accomplished musicians, delivering a blend of classic swing, bossas, ballads and originals.

About the Artists

John Paulson (Tenor Sax & Flute)

A cornerstone of the regional jazz scene, Dr. John Paulson is a prolific performer, composer, and educator. He earned his B.M. and M.M. in music from the University Utah and his D.M.A. in music education from the University of Washington in Seattle. After 35 years of teaching jazz and music industry courses, Dr. Paulson retired as professor emeritus from Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN. Known for his warm tone and lyrical improvisations, Paulson has led numerous ensembles including his own big band and released several albums of original jazz. Whether on tenor saxophone or flute, his playing reflects decades of mastery and a deep respect for the jazz tradition. Dr. Paulson is a member of ISJAC, ASCAP, the River Arts Alliance and is an official artist endorser of JodyJazz Saxophone Mouthpieces. Visit www.paulsonjazz.com for more.

Lawrence Price (Piano)

Lawrence Price is a Florida-raised jazz pianist, composer, and educator, known for performing and teaching in the Winona, Minnesota area. He plays with the Winona Jazz Collective, his own groups and teaches and at St. Mary's University. He previously studied jazz at the University of Miami and later at the conservatory of music in Luxembourg, Germany. Having performed across Europe and the United States, Price brings a sophisticated harmonic language and rhythmic precision to the trio. He is a frequent collaborator in the Midwest jazz circuit and has been with the John Paulson Big Band since it began in 2012.

Eric Graham (Bass)

Eric Graham is a bassist, keyboardist, and composer. He has performed in venues from California to New York and is currently an active player in the Twin Cities. A classically trained composer, he holds a Masters Degree in Music Composition from

the Peabody Conservatory. Providing the trio's rhythmic and melodic foundation, Eric Graham is a highly sought-after bassist known for his steady groove and inventive soloing. His ability to anchor the ensemble while engaging in conversational interplay makes him a vital component of the trio's dynamic sound.

Event Details

- **What:** The John Paulson Jazz Trio Live
- **When:** Saturday, April 4, 2026 | 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- **Where:** Lake City Area Arts, 105 W Center St. Lake City, MN
- **Tickets:** Available at the door for \$15 (doors open at 6/30 pm) or via the Lake City Area Arts website (<https://www.lcaamn.org>)

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