

Roy McGrath

EDUCATION

Master in Music: Jazz Studies Saxophone Performance, Class of 2014
Northwestern University Bienen School of Music
Private studies with Victor Goines and Chris Madsen

Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies Saxophone Performance, Class of 2009
Loyola University New Orleans – GPA: 3.45
Private studies with Anthony Dagradi, Delfeayo Marsalis

Berklee Five Week Summer Performance Program, Summer 2006
Full scholarship recipient – Berklee School of Music, San Juan Workshops

Colegio San José, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, Class of 2006
Honor Student, AP Student – GPA: 4.0

Masterclasses Attended:

Ron Carter, Miguel Zenon, Sherman Irby, Brian Blade, Eddie Gomez, Steve Davis,
Mike DiRubbo, Aaron Goldberg, Jonathan Kreisberg, Chris Potter, Joel Frahm,
Wynton Marsalis, Victor Goines, Dafnis Prieto, David Sanchez, Ron Blake, George Garzone, Ryan
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Artist in Residence
Roosevelt University (2025)
Universidad de Puerto Rico (2025)
College of DuPage (2024, 2025)

Guest Lecturer
University of Chicago (2025)

Roy McGrath Jazz Quartet – Dulwich College International Diversity Education Asia Tour & Diversity
Series
Singapore, China, South Korea, Myanmar – 2025, 2024, 2019, 2017, 2014

Afro-Caribbean Jazz Ensemble Instructor
After School Matters & Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center – 2016–2018

Woodwind & Brass Instructor
Flatt's and Sharpe Music Academy, Chicago, IL – Aug 2013–Jan 2019

Steel Band Instructor
William Hatch Elementary School – May 2016–2019

Jazz Saxophone Instructor (Non-Majors)
Northwestern University – 2013–2015

Masterclasses

Universidad del Turabo, Puerto Rico – Nov 2013

Las Musas de Papa Sibarita, Mexico City – July 2013

GRANTS

Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE)

Walder Foundation

South Arts Jazz Road Program

Jazz Foundation of America

Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center

TOURS

Roy McGrath Jazz Quartet – Dulwich College International Diversity Education Asia Tour & Diversity Series

2025, 2024, 2019, 2017, 2014 – Singapore, China (Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou), South Korea, Myanmar

Kitt Lyles “Real Talk” Ensemble East Coast Tour (2016) – Sideman

Martha CD Tour (2015) – Mexico, Roy McGrath Quartet Leader

Snapshot CD Launch Tour (2014) – Mexico, Sideman with the Gustavo Cortiñas Jazz Quintet

Roy McGrath Jazz Quartet Leader (2012, 2013) – Puerto Rico

Easy Company CD Launch Tour (2011) – Louisiana, Georgia, Texas, Alabama – Co-Leader

PROGRAMMING EXPERIENCE – MUSICIAN ROLE

Chicago Night Out in the Parks (2016–2019, 2023, 2024)

Camp of the Woods Summer Music Staff (2009–2012) – Speculator, NY

Louisiana All-State Intercollegiate Wind Ensemble (Jan 2009) – Tenor Saxophone

Cruise Line Performer (2010) – Norwegian and Royal Caribbean

Evanston Symphony Orchestra (Aug 2012) – Saxophonist