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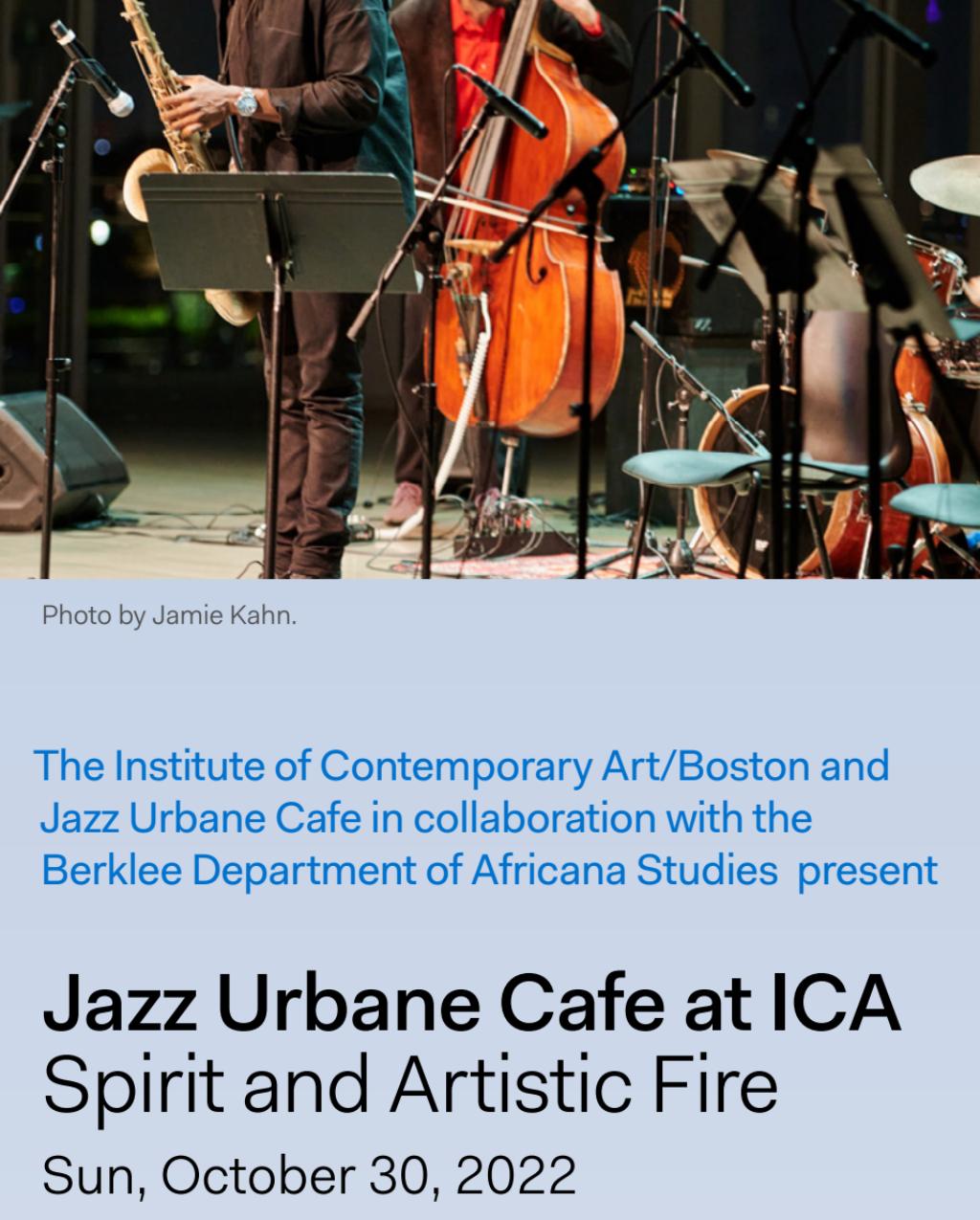


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The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston and Jazz Urbane Cafe in collaboration with the Berklee Department of Africana Studies present

Jazz Urbane Cafe at ICA Spirit and Artistic Fire

Sun, October 30, 2022

John Paul McGee Trio
Piano

John Paul McGee

Bass

Max Ridley

Drums

Tyson Jackson

Hosted by Dr. Teresa Hairston

This afternoon's concert is organized by Bill Banfield and co-produced by Bill Banfield and ICA/Boston.

Emmett G. Price III is Dean of Africana Studies at Berklee.

ICA Production Crew

Lead Audio

Kevin Corzett

Audio

Jasper Williamson

Lead Lighting

Carmen Alfaro

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ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

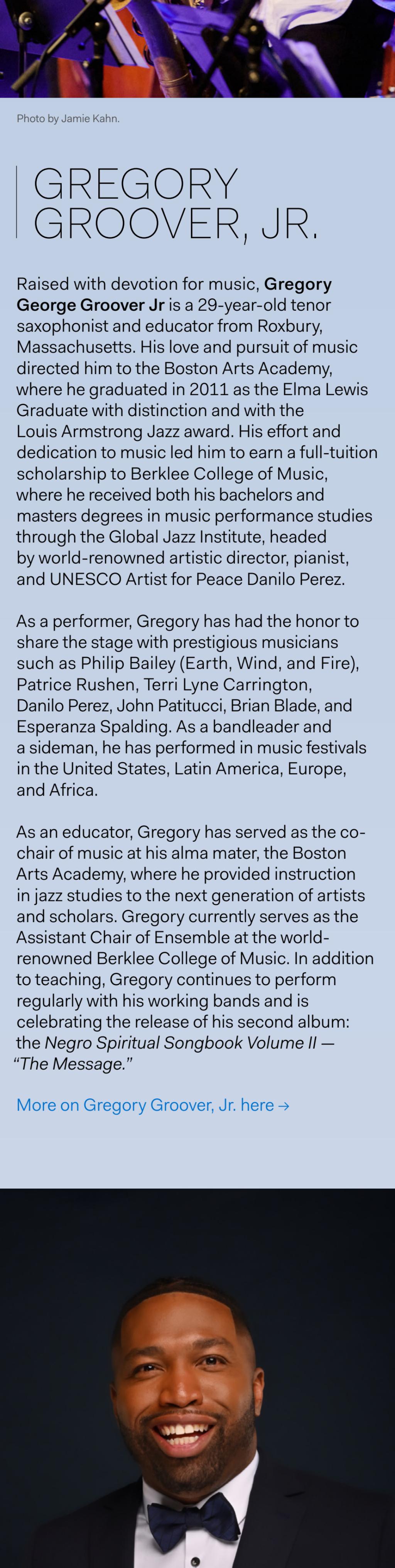


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GREGORY GROOVER, JR.

Raised with devotion for music, **Gregory George Groover Jr** is a 29-year-old tenor saxophonist and educator from Roxbury, Massachusetts. His love and pursuit of music directed him to the Boston Arts Academy, where he graduated in 2011 as the Elma Lewis Graduate with distinction and with the Louis Armstrong Jazz award. His effort and dedication to music led him to earn a full-tuition scholarship to Berklee College of Music, where he received both his bachelors and masters degrees in music performance studies through the Global Jazz Institute, headed by world-renowned artistic director, pianist, and UNESCO Artist for Peace Danilo Perez.

As a performer, Gregory has had the honor to share the stage with prestigious musicians such as Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind, and Fire), Patrice Rushen, Terri Lyne Carrington, Danilo Perez, John Patitucci, Brian Blade, and Esperanza Spalding. As a bandleader and a sideman, he has performed in music festivals in the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Africa.

As an educator, Gregory has served as the co-chair of music at his alma mater, the Boston Arts Academy, where he provided instruction in jazz studies to the next generation of artists and scholars. Gregory currently serves as the Assistant Chair of Ensemble at the world-renowned Berklee College of Music. In addition to teaching, Gregory continues to perform regularly with his working bands and is celebrating the release of his second album: the *Negro Spiritual Songbook Volume II — “The Message.”*

[More on Gregory Groover, Jr. here →](#)

JOHN PAUL MCGEE

Raised in Baltimore, Maryland, **John Paul McGee** began playing familiar hymns and church songs by ear at the age of four and without formal training. Aware of his special gift, Dr. McGee's mother made the sacrifices necessary to ensure her son received formal musical training and development. Dr. McGee studied piano and pipe organ under the renowned late Dr. Nathan Carter and graduated in 2002 from Baltimore School for the Arts. He has been recognized with numerous awards, and his musical career has taken him around the globe as a keyboardist, vocal arranger, producer, and songwriter working with popular gospel and secular artists from Patti Labelle and the Isley Brothers to the Clark Sisters, the NFL players choir, VaShawn Mitchell, Kim Burrell, and Earnest Pugh. His instrumental piano album released with EPM records in 2018 yielded him the #9 spot in the top 10 Billboard recording artists.

Dr. John Paul McGee is the current assistant chair of piano at Berklee College of Music. Dr. JP earned a bachelors of arts degree in music with a concentration in piano performance from Bethune Cookman University, a master of arts in religion degree from Liberty University, a master of sacred music degree with a concentration in pipe organ performance from Emory University, and most recently a doctorate of ministry degree with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

The groundbreaking research performed in his dissertation, "A Sound for Distressed Souls: Gospejazzical as an NTU Approach for Coping with the Vocational Stressors of the Black Pastor," investigates the healing and curative powers of his new pianistic genre: Gospejazzical. Gospejazzical is a sound that unites three powerful genres (Gospel, Jazz and Classical) into a unique fusion that entertains, uplifts, and inspires all who hear.

In addition to his musical gifts, Dr. JP (as he is affectionately called), is a sought-after preacher, workshop facilitator, panelist, clinician, and speaker on global worship, church leadership, transformational preaching, and music. In June 2021, Dr. JP McGee launched a virtual faith community called "True Destiny Christian Community," where he leads weekly prayer, praise, bible study, and worship experiences. He is the author of *Elevate*, a 21-day devotional journey released with Books 2 Live By Publishing in 2019 and an accompanying instrumental album entitled *Elevate*.

[More on John Paul McGee here →](#)

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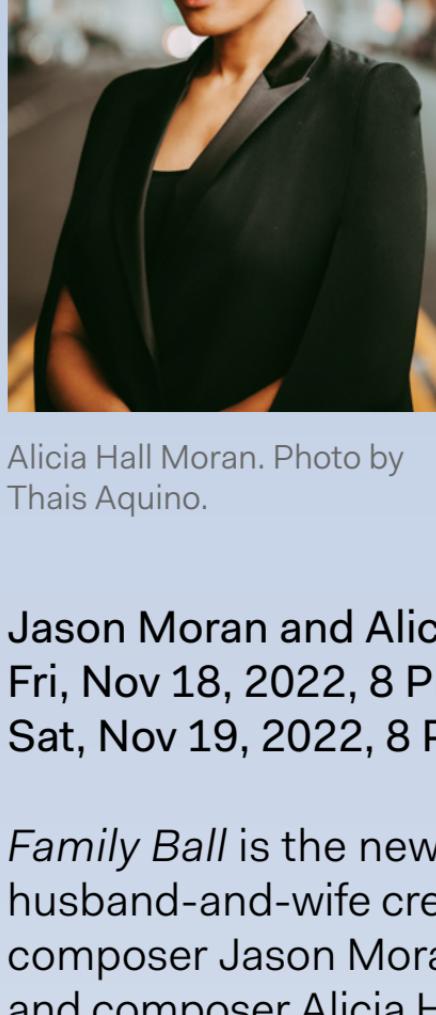
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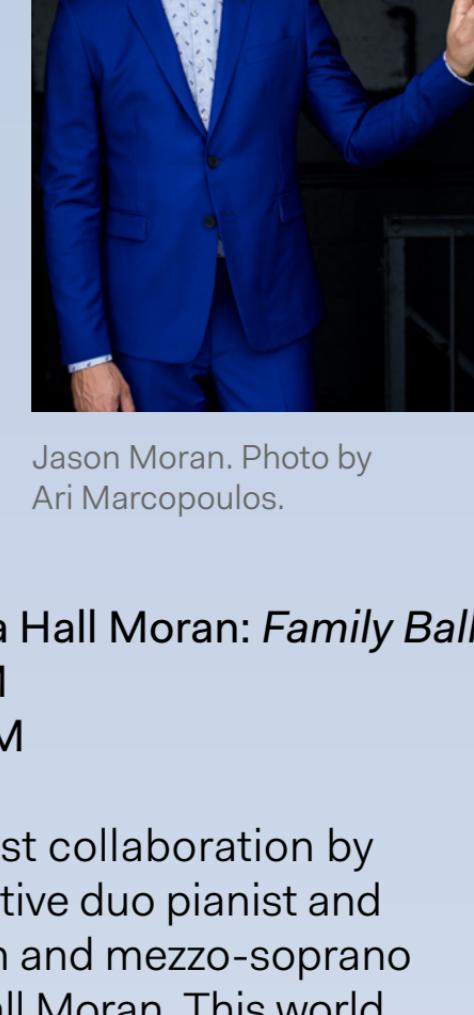
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Alicia Hall Moran. Photo by Thais Aquino.



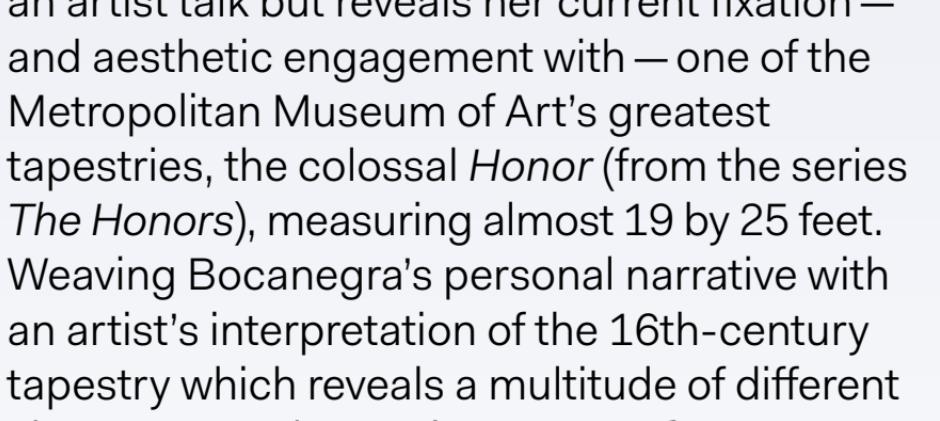
Jason Moran. Photo by Ari Marcopoulos.

Jason Moran and Alicia Hall Moran: *Family Ball*

Fri, Nov 18, 2022, 8 PM
Sat, Nov 19, 2022, 8 PM

Family Ball is the newest collaboration by husband-and-wife creative duo pianist and composer Jason Moran and mezzo-soprano and composer Alicia Hall Moran. This world premiere performance—commissioned by the ICA and conceived during the pandemic—scrutinizes the intricacy of human partnership and presents it in raw form through music and song. The set, created by renowned production designer Maggie Ruder, recreates the Morans' living room in their New York City apartment. The performances take viewers through an evening inside the household, where brutal revelations won by tiny wars for autonomy are examined, and nourishments and obligations tussle. In harmony and in dissonance, for better and for worse, people in the household collect deeper themes that will be lived out over the course of their lives as they wander into a future together and apart. *Family Ball* is an acknowledgment of the gripping power of love—and all its attachments—on the narrative of our lives.

[Get your tickets now →](#)



Suzanne Bocanegra: Honor

Fri, Feb 10, 2023, 8 PM

This subversive performance by conceptual artist [Suzanne Bocanegra](#) masquerades as an artist talk but reveals her current fixation—and aesthetic engagement with—one of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's greatest tapestries, the colossal *Honor* (from the series *The Honors*), measuring almost 19 by 25 feet. Weaving Bocanegra's personal narrative with an artist's interpretation of the 16th-century tapestry which reveals a multitude of different characters and narratives, *Honor* features celebrated film and theater actor Lili Taylor in the title role of "The Artist."

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ABOUT THE JAZZ URBANE CAFE

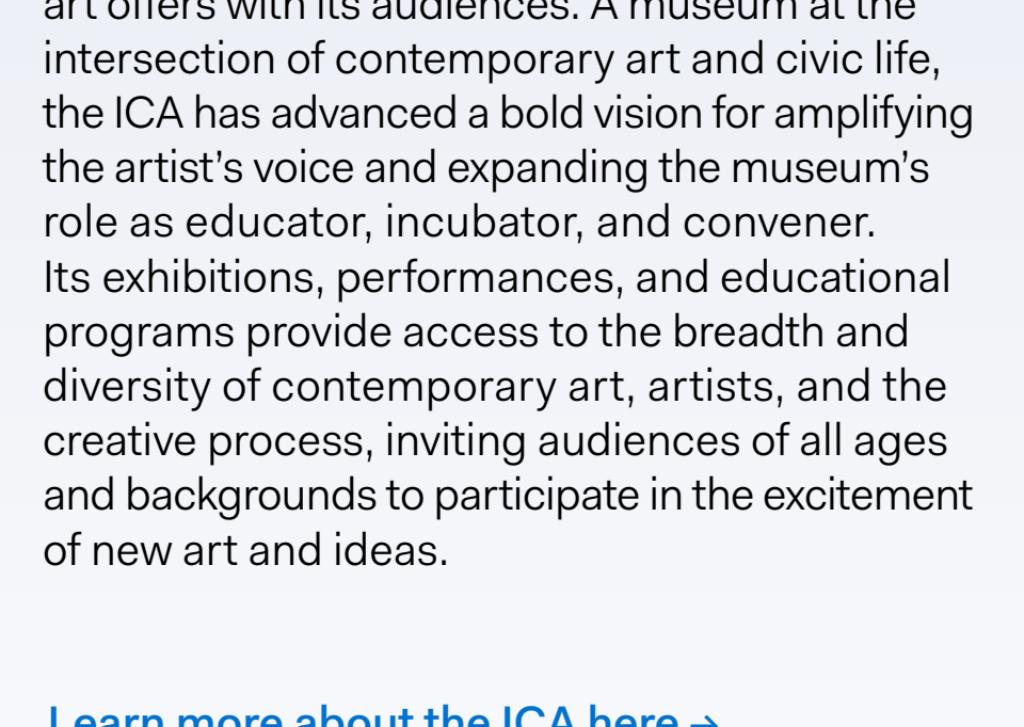
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Installation view, *The Worlds We Make: Selections from the ICA Collection*, the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, 2021–22. Photo by Mel Taing.

ABOUT THE ICA

Since its founding in 1936, the ICA has shared the pleasures of reflection, inspiration, imagination, and provocation that contemporary art offers with its audiences. A museum at the intersection of contemporary art and civic life, the ICA has advanced a bold vision for amplifying the artist's voice and expanding the museum's role as educator, incubator, and convener. Its exhibitions, performances, and educational programs provide access to the breadth and diversity of contemporary art, artists, and the creative process, inviting audiences of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the excitement of new art and ideas.

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- Discounts at select area businesses

Virtual

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- Free member tickets to select events such as our popular online cooking class, Talking Taste

- Subscriptions to ICA member communications

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