



Mile High Jazz Festival

Concert Jazz Ensemble

Paul McKee, director

Paa Kow's Afro Fusion Orchestra

Special guest: Paa Kow, percussion

7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019
Macky Auditorium



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Program

Transit

Darcy James Argue

Slo Funk

Bob Mintzer

Oye Como Va

Tito Puente
arr. Bob Mintzer

Tutu

Marcus Miller
arr. Michael Mossman

Afro Blue

Mongo Santamaria
arr. Michael Mossman

Biographies

Paa Kow

Having toured internationally and shared stages with both African and American luminaries, including Kojo Antwi, Amakye Dede and Victor Wooten, Ghana-born drummer and composer, Paa Kow, (pronounced Pah-Ko), has recently produced his third studio album, titled *Cookpot*. The album takes listeners on a journey that boldly explores the music of the African Diaspora by fusing Ghanaian highlife with elements of jazz, funk and African pop to create his unique Afro-Fusion sound set apart by its “flexibility and finesse” (Modern Ghana).

Growing up in the small village of Enyan Denkyira near Cape Coast in Ghana, West Africa, Kow began to play music and tour with his family’s concert band at a very early age. Dubbed “Ghana’s most artistic drummer” (Modern Ghana), he has since grown to be widely recognized as one of the most remarkable drum set players to tour in Africa, Europe and America. Kow’s deep groove and prodigious talent reveal a unique ability to speak to listeners with his drums, inspiring a profound spiritual conversation. His songs are captivating and danceable and incorporate lyrics in his native language, Fante, as well as English. Kow’s vision is to spread the music and culture of his homeland by touring the world with his Afro-Fusion orchestra.

Notable musicians he has shared the stage with include African greats Amakye Dede, George Darko, Kojo Antwi, Nat Brew and Hugh Masekela, as well as American greats Victor Wooten, Brad Goode, John Gunther, Michael Kang and many more.

Personnel

Paa Kow's Afro Fusion Ensemble

Paa Kow, drum set and lead vocal
Tom Ogunribido, bass
Jonnie Cohen, guitar
Solomon Goldbas, keyboards
Peyton Shuffield, percussion
Zane Cupec, percussion
Joel Michael Timm, trombone
Brad Goode, trumpet
Daryl Gott, alto sax
John Gunther, tenor sax

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Saxophone

Lexi Nomikos
Rhiannon Dewey
Wyatt Wear
Michael Gutierrez
Jake Conway

Trumpet

Jonathan Saraga
Erik Ondrejko
Joey Blunk
Aaron Macgilvray
Sonya Walker

Trombone

Brian Woodbury
Matteo Bassani
Alison Orthel
Bryan Powell

Rhythm

Annie Booth, piano
Adam Hernandez guitar
Rocco Williams, vibes and percussion
Leo Arguello, bass
Michael D'Angelo, drums

Upcoming performances

🎫 Ticketed events 📺 Live broadcast at cupresents.org

Friday, Feb. 15

Spring Festival of Choirs

7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 1318 Mapleton Ave, Boulder

Saturday, Feb. 16

Artist Series:

Kodo One Earth Tour 2019 🎫

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Faculty Tuesdays: SwingTime, WaltzTime, SambaTime: DANCE! 📺

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Pendulum New Music Ensemble 📺

7:30 p.m., Club 156, UMC

Friday, Feb. 22

Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band 📺

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Sunday, Feb. 24

Honors Competition Finals

12:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Monday, Feb. 25

Concert Band 📺

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Faculty Tuesdays:

Fantasies and Meditations 📺

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Thursday, Feb. 28

Thompson Jazz Studies Combos 📺

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Monday, March 4

Artist Series: Tafelmusik 🎫

7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium

Tuesday, March 5

Faculty Tuesdays: Age of Anxiety 📺

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

Thursday, March 7

Thompson Latin Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble II 📺

7:30 p.m., Grusin Music Hall

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