

Center for the Performing and Cinematic Arts Boyer College of Music and Dance

**Jazz on Broad:
Roy McCurdy, drums**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Temple Performing Arts Center**

**4:30 PM Master Class
7:30 PM Performance**

About the Artist

ROY MCCURDY Drums. Born in Rochester, New York on 28 November 1936. Education; Studied with Bill Street at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York.

Roy worked with the Mangione Brothers group (Chuck and Gap Mangione) in the early 60's. He later joined the Art Farmer Jazztet and then went with Sonny Rollins. Following Sonny Rollins he became a full time member of the Cannonball Adderley Quintet from the mid-60's. McCurdy traveled internationally with the group, including a particularly successful tour of South America in 1972. In his spare time he does studio work for NBC movies of the week, and is featured on various record dates. When Adderley passed in July 1975, McCurdy started touring with Kenny Rankin. He also played on commercial jingles with Benny Golson and gigs locally with both Golson, Jerome Richardson, Pat Senatore, Pete Christieb, Conte Condeli, Ruth Price, Jack Sheldon, Super Sax, Robin Ford, Bill Henderson, The Cunninghams and Diana Krall.

He toured and has worked with; Blood Sweat & Tears, The Pointer Sisters, John Klemmer, Toshiko Akiyoski-Lew Tabackin Big Band, Sonny Rollins, Art Farmer-Benny Golson, Betty Carter, Kenny Dorham, Lee Morgan, Freddie Hubbard, Bobby Timmons, Ron Carter, Harold Land, Bobby Hutchinson, Kenny Burrell, The Count Basie Orchestra, Donald Byrd, Teddy Edwards, Herbie Hancock, Coleman Hawkins, Joe Henderson, Milt Jackson, J.J. Johnson, Jackie McLean, Carmen McRae, Oscar Peterson, Bud Powell, Jimmy Smith, Horace Silver, Martial Solal, Sonny Stitt, Clark Terry, McCoy Tyner, Joe Williams, Larry Young, Ernestine Anderson, Chris Conner, Sonny Clark, Kenny Drew, Billy Eckstine, Chuck Mangione, Eddie Harris, Don Ellis, Shorty Rogers, Stanley Turrentine, Dionne Warwick, Hubert Laws, Charles Lloyd, Hampton Hawes, Patrice Rushen, Joe Sample, Blue Mitchell, James Moody, Mark Murphy, Sarah Vaughn and Ella Fitzgerald. Roy played with Nancy Wilson for 31 years until her retirement. He also played with Kenny Barron, John Pizzarelli, Grant Stewart, Eric Alexander and Kenny Werner.

Three hundred thirteenth performance of the 2024-2025 season.



Roy has recorded with; Sonny Rollins, Art Farmer and Benny Golson Jazztet, Bobby Timmons, Cannonball Adderley, Nat Adderley, Joe Zawinul, Blood Sweat and Tears, Kenny Rankin, Bobby Shew, Conte Condoli, Mark Murphy, Sarah Vaughn, Nancy Wilson, Scott Hamilton, Art Farmer Quartet, Benny Golson Sextet, Count Basie, Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson, John Klemmer, Betty Carter, Kenny Burrell, Horace Silver and Chuck Mangione, John Pizzarelli and Kelly Clarkson to name a few. Roy is presently an Adjunct Professor in the Jazz Studies Department of the Thornton School of Music at USC and Pasadena Conservatory of Music.