

Upcoming Events/Thank yous

Guest Recital: Rob Scheps, Saxophone

Thu, Mar 13 2025, 6 - 7 pm

Faculty Recital: Christopher Anderson, Saxophone

Thu, Mar 13 2025, 8 - 9 pm

Senior Recital: Claire Uselding, Saxophone

Fri, Mar 14 2025, 6 - 7 pm

Senior Recital: Nathan Boorman, Trombone

Fri, Mar 14 2025, 8 - 9 pm

Thank You!

I would like to thank all of the faculty here at UNI who have helped me to reach the point I am at now. This includes my studio professors: Dr. Bradfield and Christopher Merz, as well as the many incredible professors I have been so lucky to work with. Thank you to my family, especially my parents, for supporting me throughout my college journey. I also want to thank all of the amazing friends I have made during my time here at UNI. Music has given me the unique opportunity to connect with so many wonderful people, and I am endlessly grateful for every connection I have made at this incredible institution. Lastly, I would like to thank my wonderful girlfriend, Sam Hilbert, for being the most incredible partner I could ever ask for.



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Luke McIlhon, Alto Saxophone

with
Dr. Mariko Morita, Piano
Claire Uselding, Alto Saxophone

Program

Romance for Alto Sax and PianoAmy Beach
(1867-1944)
Adapted by Timothy Roberts

Billie.....Jacob Ter Veldhuis
(b. 1951)

INTERMISSION

Six Barefoot DancesJohn David Lamb
(b. 1935)

With Claire Uselding on Alto Saxophone

Tableaux De Provence.....Paule Maurice
(1910 - 1967)

- I. Farandoulo di chatouno
- II. Cansoun per ma mio
- III. La boumiano
- IV. Dis alyscamps l'amo souspire
- V. Lou cabridan

About the Artist

Luke McIlhon is an Instrumental Music Education major with a Jazz Emphasis. Saxophone is his primary instrument, and he is comfortable on all four primary saxophones. He has participated in many ensembles at UNI, including Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band One, Jazz Band Two, the Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra, and the Panther Marching Band. He has also participated in various chamber groups and jazz combos. Luke is also involved in community music ensembles in the Des Moines area, including the Des Moines Gamer Jazz Band.

Luke has been lucky enough to travel internationally with UNI large ensembles twice: first with Jazz Band One during the 2023 South Africa Tour, and again with NISO for their 2024 Italy Tour. He also got the opportunity to attend and perform in the 2024 Navy Saxophone Symposium in Washington D.C. with his UNI saxophone peers and close friends.

During his freshman year at UNI, Luke was initiated into the Beta Nu chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, where he has served various roles, including Festival Coordinator for the 2025 Tallcorn Jazz Festival. Being a part of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia has been one of the most fulfilling and rewarding experiences for Luke during his time at UNI.

After this semester, Luke will be student teaching in the Greater Des Moines area. Upon completion, he will be pursuing a career as a high school band director.