

DR. JONATHAN SARAGA

Trumpeter | Flugelhornist | Composer | Arranger | Educator

“a trumpeter with a singular vision that is motherloaded by a creative force but isn’t a slave to it”

— *Midwest Record*

“Saraga is obviously very aware of the direction of jazz in his hometown of New York”

— *Jazzwise*

“the musical offspring of trumpeters Dave Douglas and Ambrose Akinmusire”

— *All About Jazz*

GRAMMY–Award Recognition

The Dan Pugach Big Band – GRAMMY– Award Member
(Flugel solo on album) Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album

Selected Artists & Ensembles

Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra
Mingus Big Band
Miguel Zenón Big Band
John Pizzarelli Big Band
Jon Faddis Jazz Orchestra
Dan Pugach Big Band feat. Nicole Zuraitis
Arturo O’Farrill & Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra
Darcy James Argue’s Secret Society

Orrin Evans’ Captain Black Big Band
BMI Jazz Orchestra
Birdland Big Band
Jimmy Greene Big Band
Valery Ponomarev Big Band
Macedonian National Jazz Orchestra
Steve Coleman Large Ensemble
Tyshawn Sorey Large Ensemble

Trumpet Competitions

- International Trumpet Jazz Trumpet Solo Competition – Winner
- Carmine Caruso International Jazz Trumpet Solo Competition – Finalist
- U.S. Navy Band Commodores Jazz Trumpet Vocality – Finalist
- U.S. Air Force Academy Band Jazz Orchestra Vacancy Auditions – Finalist

Residencies

- Cortona Sessions for New Music (Ede, Netherlands) – Resident Artist
- Chushana ChaNorth Summer Residency Program (Hudson Valley, NY) – Resident Artist
- Banff Musicians in Residence Program (Alberta, Canada) – Resident Artist
- Haleakala National Park in Residence Program (Maui, Hawaii) – Finalist
- Millay Colony for the Arts Core Residency (Hudson Valley, NY) – Finalist

Grants

- Chamber Music America: *New Jazz Works*
- United States Artists
- Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation
- Jazz Foundation of America
- Afro-Latin Jazz Alliance
- University of Colorado Music Advisory Board

Composition Recognition

- International Songwriting Competition – Winner
- John Lennon International Songwriting Competition – Finalist
- Jazz Composers Showcase (The Jazz Gallery, New York, NY) – Selected Artist
- BMI Jazz Composers Workshop – Selected Participant
- ASCAP Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composers Award – Recipient

Commissions

- Keio Light Music Society (Tokyo, Japan) – Commissioned Composer
- International Society of Jazz Arrangers and Composers – Commissioned Composer

Conference Selections

- Jazz Education Network Annual Conference (Atlanta, Georgia) – Selected Presenter
- Association for Popular Music Education Conference (Edinburgh, Scotland) – Selected Presenter
- International Society for Improvised Music Conference (Melbourne, Australia) – Selected Presenter