

AND ALL *that jazz...*

The Cafeteria glowed with holiday lights Dec. 16 for the annual Jazz Café fundraiser as friends and family gathered to enjoy sweet treats and watch the Varsity, Symphonic and Jazz Ensemble bands perform. Special guest Bridget Kearney, a 2003 West graduate, joined in on bass. Kearney produces her own music and is a member of Lake Street Dive, a band whose music blends the sounds of jazz and classic rock.



On tenor saxophone, **DOMINIC WESTON** '18, a member of the Jazz Ensemble, entertains the audience before the show begins. "The Jazz Café is probably my favorite concert that we have all year," he said. "It's a really laid-back environment, which makes it more fun to play and more fun to watch. We always have guest artists, too, and it's always amazing getting to work with these professional musicians."

Jamming with a pro, **DANIEL BURGESS** '18 performs a solo with the Jazz Ensemble on Dec. 16. "It was great to be back making music with both current and former West High musicians," he said. "Playing Lake Street Dive's music with one of their members was such a cool experience."

Playing alto saxophone, **MASON CARTER** '20 performs a solo with the Symphonic Jazz Band. "The music is great, the directors are fun and you get to solo on basically any song you want," he said. "That's why jazz is probably my favorite activity at West."

To the beat, **CHARLIE DUFFY** '21 plays drums with the Varsity Jazz Band. "Drums are a nice escape for me because I am allowed to hit things without a consequence," Duffy said.

In tune, Varsity Jazz Band members **ANYA EMERSON** '21 and **WILL HADDY** '21 play Roy Phillippe's *George Is on My Mind*. "Jazz band is different from band because you get to freely improvise and have a good time," he said.

Soloing on tenor saxophone, **TIMOTHY CUI** '21 performed a solo to Roy Phillippe's *George Is on My Mind* with the Varsity Jazz Band. "[Bridget Kearney] played the bass, which in my opinion is a very underestimated instrument in jazz," he said. "The bass is not very obvious to the crowd, but it's the foundation of our sound."



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