

Francesca “Franny” Rubin, 21, is a vocalist, actor and Lindy Hop dancer from Evergreen, Colorado. Her influences include Ella Fitzgerald, Amy Winehouse, Cyrille Aimee, and Esperanza Spalding. In addition to studying with vocal coach Vidushi Goyal, Francesca has been fortunate enough to perform with Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary) as well as local R&B/jazz diva Hazel Miller, for whom she often opens. Francesca is an actor in CU-Boulder's The Vagina Monologues and Fringe Festivals and has served as co-captain of comedy improv troupe The Spaghetti Confessions. Francesca is entering her senior year at CU-Boulder in the fall.

Alex Heffron, 22, is a jazz guitarist located in Boulder, CO. Alex graduated from the College of Music at University of Colorado–Boulder in May 2018. He is a member of multiple bands around the area and has performed with many of the local legends, including Corey Christiansen, John Von Ohlen, Marvin Stamm, Cody Moffet, Howard Levy, Donald Harrison, Chuck Lamb, Dave Roitstein, and Brad Goode. He is now composing his own music and leading his own band which has been gaining momentum around the Denver and Boulder area. Alex was awarded in a *Pathways to Jazz* grant and will be releasing his album in the fall of 2018. Alex was also selected as one of 89.3 KUVU's 30 musicians under 30 initiative, which highlighted young and upcoming musicians around the Denver area.

Tom Amend, 24, is a Denver-based pianist, composer, and arranger originally from Riverton, Wyoming. A semifinalist for the 2014 American Jazz Pianist Competition, Tom performs throughout the Rocky Mountain Region in various settings as both a leader and sideman. Tom has worked extensively with Soul/Blues artist Taylor Scott appearing at notable blues venues across the country as well as appearing on several of Scott's records. Tom is also the organist for Greeley-based soul band The Burroughs. Tom has a Bachelors Degree in Jazz Studies at the University of Northern Colorado and is an alumni of both UNC Lab I and UNC Vanguard Combo.

Gabe Rupe, 19, is a bassist from Lafayette, Colorado. In May, Gabe completed a one-year fellowship at University of the Pacific's acclaimed Brubeck Institute. Gabe has been fortunate enough to perform with and learn from a variety of artists including Eric Gunnison, Brad Goode, Paul Romaine, Shane Endsley, and Greg Gisbert. Gabe was selected for the 2016 Vail Jazz All-Stars, the 2016 Telluride Jazz All-Stars, the 2017 Jazz Band of America, the 2017 Monterey Jazz Festival's Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, and was chosen as the 2017 YoungArts finalist in Jazz-Double Bass. Gabe will enter Juilliard in the fall.

Braxton "B.K." Kahn, 24, is a drummer from Boulder, Colorado. B.K. has studied with some of the Colorado's top jazz musicians including Art Lande, Brad Goode, Paul Romaine, Jim White, and Jeff Jenkins as well as nationally recognized artists Colin Stranahan and Erik Deutsch. He has performed with high profile jazz artists such as Paquito D'Rivera, Dave Douglas, Donald Harrison, and Henry Butler. B.K. was selected as one of KUVU's 30 musicians under 30, which highlighted young and upcoming musicians around the Denver area. Since graduating in 2016 from the College of Music at CU-Boulder, B.K. freelances in the Denver metro area and performs in various nationally-touring bands including The Workshy and Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles.