

# Colescott Rubin

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## – PROFILE –

Award-winning internationally-touring musical entertainer(bass, tuba, trombone, guitar, vocals).  
Songwriter, arranger, bandleader, educator, circus artist, unicyclist, & variety performer. Trad. American  
& world music styles (swing/jazz/blues, country, rock, salsa, funk/soul, theater, New Orleans music, etc)

## – EDUCATION –

**Bachelor of Music Degree, Berklee College of Music**, Summa Cum Laude, Class of 2020

*Majors:* Bass Performance, Professional Music(performance & arranging concentrations)

*Minors:* Spanish Music & Culture, Effortless Mastery

- Recipient of Presidential Scholarship (& other scholarships) *September 2015 - May 2020*
- Member of Danilo Perez' Berklee Global Jazz Institute *Fall 2016 - Winter 2018*
- Berklee Study Abroad program in València, Spain *Spring 2019*

### **Other Training**

Superhero Fitness, Portland, OR (handstands, partner acro, etc) *October 2023 - present*  
Commonwealth Circus Center, Jamaica Plain, MA  
(partner acro, handbalancing, contortion) *September 2021 - Fall 2022*  
Portland State University – Portland, OR, GPA 4.0 *March 2011 - June 2014*

### **Current and Past Mentors Include:**

Kevin Venardos, Chuck Israels, John Clayton, Esperanza Spalding, John Patitucci, Danilo Perez, Joe Lovano, Terri Lyne Carrington, Kenny Werner, Phil Wilson, Susan Hagen, Donna McElroy, John Lockwood, Glen Moore, & Dr. Thara Memory

## – SELECTED PERFORMANCES –

### **Festivals**

Puddingstone Festival, Newport, RI various shows (classical/jazz/kids) *October 2023 - present*  
Sold out PDX Jazz Festival debut show w/ ColeScott & His Red Hots *February 2024*  
Rubin Bros Brass Band major league rugby New England Free Jacks Quincy, MA  
stadium shows w/ Old Crow Medicine Show, opening for Orleans & Cracker *Spring/Summer 2023*  
Roaring Twenties Lawn Party at the Crane Estate Ipswich, MA w/ Rubin Bros *August 2022 & 2023*  
French Quarter Festival in New Orleans, LA with Garden of Joy *April 2022*  
NOLA's Satchmofest (Louis Armstrong Festival), w/ Garden of Joy & Charmaine Neville *August 2019*  
Formentera Jazz Festival, Spain, with Max Holm Trio *June 2019*  
Berklee's Beantown Jazz Festival feat. Catherine Russell (MD, bass, & vocals) *September 2018*  
Reykjavik Blues Festival, Iceland, w/ Thorleif Davidsson of Kaleo *March 2016/2017*  
Berklee's Beantown Jazz Festival, feat. Billy Hart and others (emcee) *September 2016*  
Buenos Aires Jazz Festival, Argentina, Delfina Cheb Sextet *November 2016*  
American Independence Day Performance for the American Embassy of Iceland *June 2016*  
Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival, with *American Music Program* (AMP) *Spring 2013/2014/2015*  
Monterey Jazz Festival, with the *American Music Program* *September 2015*  
Opening act for Kurt Elling at Portland Jazz Festival (AMP) *February 2015*  
Portland Waterfront Blues Festival feat. Charmaine Neville & others (AMP) *July 2017/2015/2014*  
Charles Mingus Jazz Festival, hosted by Manhattan School of Music (AMP) *February 2015/2014*  
Essentially Ellington Festival, hosted by Wynton Marsalis and  
Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (AMP) *May 2015/2013*

### **Other Performances**

Faneuil Hall Official Variety Artist with Rubin Brothers, Boston, MA *Since June 2025*  
American Idol 2024 Season on-camera audition for judges in Nashville, TN *Aired February 2024*  
Bindlestiff Family Cirkus performer Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, & Bronx NYC *September 2023*  
Bandleader of Rubin Bros Brass Band, official house band in residence of  
New England Free Jacks Major League Rugby Team, at VM stadium in Quincy, MA *2023 season*

Monthly City Winery Boston Jazz Brunch residency with Rubin Brothers	<i>May 2023 to present</i>
Weddings w/ bands around New England: Sultans, Silver Arrow, Brandy Band	<i>Since July 2022</i>
SEIU Day of Action in Chicago, IL with NOLA-based Trumpet Mafia and Ashlin Parker	<i>May 2021</i>
Monthly/Weekly residencies at The Burren Bar in Davis Square, Somerville	<i>Fall 2019 - Spring 2023</i>
Boston area swing dance events at: Harvard University, Crystal Ballroom, The Burren, JP Jitterbugs, Thomas More College, Boston Swing Central and many others	<i>2015 - present</i>
Boston area venues: City Winery, Cantab, Ryle's, Eddie V's, Oakley Country Club, etc.	<i>2015 - present</i>
Portland Art Museum Opening for Robert Colescott Art Exhibition w/ Garden of Joy	<i>February 2020</i>
New Orleans French Quarter venues: WWOZ, Spotted Cat, Buffa's, Maison, & others	<i>2017 - 2021</i>
Award winning jazz clubs in Russia with Moscow Ragtime Band: The Bix, Kozlov, etc.	<i>June 2019</i>
Multiple jazz club and swing dance shows in Valencia, Spain	<i>January - May 2019</i>
Seattle Art Museum Robert Colescott gallery opening, double bill w/ Julian Priester	<i>February 2018</i>
Private events and weddings in MA at: The Newbury, Four Seasons, Boston Municipal Courthouse, Hampshire House, Jeremiah Lee Mansion, Concord Museum, etc.	<i>2018 - present</i>
Chuck Israels Jazz Orchestra, multiple performances, OR	<i>2014 - 2015</i>
Opening act for double platinum rock band Kaleo, various venues, Iceland	<i>2016</i>
Various American Music Program Benefit Concerts with Esperanza Spalding, Bennie Maupin, Terrell Stafford, and George Colligan	<i>2013 - 2015</i>
Producer/Bassist for Sun Ra Centennial, KBOO in Portland OR with David Ornette Cherry	<i>May 2014</i>

### ***Berklee College of Music Performances***

2020 Commencement Concert with John Legend & Cassandra Wilson	<i>May 2020</i>
European DIY Musician's Conference in Valencia, Spain	<i>April 2019</i>
Performance with Patrice Rushen for Berklee València's Global Career Summit	<i>January 2019</i>
Toots Thielemans Tribute w/ Berklee Global Jazz Institute	<i>April 2018</i>
ft. message from Quincy Jones (vocals & producer credit)	
WBUR live radio performance trio with Terri Lyne Carrington & Catherine Russell	<i>September 2018</i>
Phil Wilson Retirement Show at the Berklee Performance Center, w/ Phil Wilson	<i>February 2017</i>
Berklee Encore Gala	<i>Fall 2016</i>
Various Berklee ensemble performances w/ Terence Blanchard, Samuel Torres, Kenny Werner, Peter Eldridge, David Gilmore, Joe Lovano, & others	<i>2016 - 2018</i>
Berklee Summer in the City shows with Colescott Rubin & Friends	<i>Summer 2017/2018</i>
Informal class performances with Randy Brecker, Dee Dee Bridgewater and others	<i>2015 - 2019</i>

### **– GRANTS, AWARDS, & AFFILIATIONS –**

Official Juried Artist, Music To Life, founded by Paul Stookey ( <i>of Peter, Paul, &amp; Mary</i> )	<i>Since April 2025</i>
St. Botolph Club Artist Fellowship (oldest arts club in Boston c. 1880)	<i>Since January 2023</i>
Member of American Circus Alliance	<i>Since December 2022</i>
Boston Opportunity Fund Grant, from City of Boston (for Rubin Brothers)	<i>June 2021</i>
Berklee DEI Grant for ethnomusicology research on throat & overtone singing in Sardinia	<i>Spring 2019</i>
Patrick Family Endowed Scholarship at Berklee College of Music	<i>2015 - 2020</i>
Bodo Liesenfeld Scholarship at Berklee College of Music	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
Charles Mingus Jazz Festival, at Manhattan School of Music (with AMP), 1st place	<i>February 2015</i>
20th Essentially Ellington Festival, hosted by Wynton Marsalis & Jazz at Lincoln Center, (with AMP) 1st place band, Outstanding Rhythm Section, Outstanding Bassist Award	<i>May 2015</i>
Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival (with AMP), 1st place jazz combo	<i>Spring 2015</i>
Outstanding Soloist Award, West Salem Jazz Festival	<i>February 2015</i>

### **– OTHER MUSIC WORK EXPERIENCE –**

Berklee & Staff Accompanist for Ensemble & Voice Departments	<i>November 2021 - present</i>
Volunteer/Performer at Jazz Education Network Conference (New Orleans/Atlanta)	<i>2013 &amp; 2020</i>
Berklee Internet Radio Network(BIRN) DJ and radio host for flagship jazz show	<i>2016 - 2018</i>
Personal Assistant/Librarian to legendary bassist Chuck Israels	<i>2013 - 2015</i>
Personal Assistant to legendary bassist John Clayton	<i>August 2016</i>
Librarian/Personal Assistant to Esperanza Spalding, Leo Genovese, Dr. Thara Memory	<i>December 2014</i>
for NYE show w/ Oregon Symphony at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland, OR	

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## – TEACHING EXPERIENCE –

Faculty & Performer, Berklee Bass Weekend Workshop with Victor Wooten	June 2025
Original Workshop Writer/Presenter for Berklee Summer Vocal Summit	June 2022, 2023 & 2024
Bass & Voice Original Accompanist Workshop for Berklee Voice Department	Fall 2022
Substitute Ensemble director for Berklee City Music youth program	July 2022
Guest speaker for Berklee Music Business classes w/ Faculty Ralph Jaccodine	2020 to present
Consultant for Inside Music Schools, led by former Berklee Admissions Director Steve Lipman: college application coaching, audition prep, & music career coaching	2017 - 2020
Guest clinician at public schools throughout West Coast(OR, WA, & CA) incl: Sellwood MS & Franklin HS in OR, Battleground HS in WA, Mission Bay HS in CA etc.	2014 - present
Tap dance workshops for Cambridge youth programs with Tap For Joy & Jenny Herzog	2020 - 2021
Virtual master class for Berklee Bass Department “History & Practical Applications of Slap Upright Bass Playing”	May 2020
Creativity & Improvisation workshops for at-risk youth in downtown Boston with 501(c)(3) Bridge Over Troubled Waters	Fall 2019
Ethnomusicology lecture at Berklee Valência on Sardinian Overtone & Throat Singing, research residency in Sardinia funded by Berklee Diversity & Inclusion Grant	Spring 2019
Berklee Summer Groove School (Bass/Drum camp), Jam Host & Bass Dep. Assistant	June 2018
Visiting Artist Clinic at Reykjavik College of Music in Iceland	Spring 2017
Visiting Artist Clinics at various music schools in Argentina(Buenos Aires & Córdoba)	Fall 2016
Assistant bandleader for American Music Program Combo/Orchestra during competition winning streak(incl. Essentially Ellington, Monterey NextGen, Mingus Fest, PDX Jazz Fest)	Spring 2015
Private lesson teacher (bass, low brass, piano, theory, musicality, constructive listening, practice techniques/ergonomics, improvisation, music career coaching, etc.)	2012 - present

## – SELECTED RECORDING CREDITS –

Rubin Brothers Brass Band debut singles, MD/tuba/arranger	Release Scheduled December 2024
“Colescott Rubin Meets Phil Wilson” w/ Berklee faculty emeritus & jazz legend Phil Wilson upright bass/vocals/composition/arrangements	Released April 2024
“Colescott & His Red Hots in New York” feat. vocalist Catherine Russell & 1920s expert Colin Hancock at Semper Fi Studios Brooklyn, NY, upright bass/vocals	Released February 2024
Rubin Brothers EP recorded in San Diego, CA with SDMAC/Moonquake	Released August 2023
Rubin Brothers Brass Band music videos, producer/tuba/bandleader	Recorded April 2023
Cobby Bzreski “Vintage Girl In A Modern World” album, bass/co-producer	Released December 2022
Pianist/composer Taylor Fleming “A Book About Birds” album, bass	Released September 2022
Christian-Frédéric Bloquert “Dream A Little Dream of Me”, upright bass (Soundcloud)	August 2021
Drummer/composer Patrick Cleland single/video “Square the Circle”, bass, digital release	April 2019
Informal demo recording session with Jeff Hamilton at John Clayton’s Centrum	
Jazz Workshop in Port Townshend, WA, upright bass/vocals (unreleased)	July 2017
Narration/sound tech for feature length documentary “Mislead: America’s Secret Epidemic”	2016
American Music Program “Nothin’ But The Blues” live album at the Portland Armory, from concert with Esperanza Spalding, trombone (CD only)	2014
Portland, OR band Bike Thief “Ghost of Providence” EP, euphonium (Bandcamp)	January 2013

## – ADDITIONAL SKILL SETS –

Swing Dance (incl. Charleston, Lindy Hop, & East Coast)	
Basic Swing Dance Instructor & Tap Dance	Proficient in Spanish
Juggling, Unicycling, Handbalancing, & Partner Acrobatics while playing instruments	13 Years Yoga Experience
Radio DJ & Show Emcee	Performance for Young Audiences
Kazoo, Nose Flute, & Hand Percussion	Life Coach
Improv Comedy, Storytelling, & Poetry	Origami Artist