

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. Experienced in trad. American & world music styles (swing/jazz/blues, country, rock, salsa, funk/soul, theater, vocal, 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/ Colecott & 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

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

Berklee College of Music Performances

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

– GRANTS, AWARDS, & AFFILIATIONS –

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

– OTHER MUSIC WORK EXPERIENCE –

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

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– TEACHING EXPERIENCE –

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 Bloquet “*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
Juggling, Unicycling, Handbalancing, & Partner Acrobatics while playing instruments
Radio DJ & Show Emcee
Kazoo, Nose Flute, & Hand Percussion
Improv Comedy, Storytelling, & Poetry

Proficient in Spanish
12 Years Yoga Experience
Performance for Young Audiences
Life Coach
Origami Artist