



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Montavilla Jazz Raises Visibility for Local Jazz Artists and Filmmakers
with *Call + Response* Movie Theater - Premiere**

November 10, 2021; Portland, OR: As part of its inaugural Give!Guide campaign, Montavilla Jazz partners with the iconic Hollywood Theatre to host a high-profile screening of three short films, commissioned and created during the pandemic through its groundbreaking *Call + Response* series. This celebratory event showcases the collaborative work of six highly talented, Portland-based jazz composers and filmmakers, and includes a cast party (invite-only) and moderated artist panel with audience Q&A.

This past summer during its eighth annual festival, Montavilla Jazz debuted *Call + Response*, its new music-meets-film series, wowing audiences with outdoor projections (by Mobile Projection Unit) presented in collaboration with Open Signal and Portland Art Museum. Now that Portland's movie theaters are reopening, jazz and film fans will finally have the opportunity to experience these three short art-music-films in all their glory in Portland's historic Hollywood Theatre.

"The results are quirky and personal, ranging from a Sasquatch-hunting tale to a surreal Muppet-oriented horror story to a celebration of traditional dance styles in a Central Oregon desert... a funky, unique creation, exactly the sort of thing to expect from the always forward-thinking festival."

— Jazz Scene Magazine

WHAT: Montavilla Jazz Presents *Call + Response* theater premiere
with moderated artist panel and audience Q&A; film shorts:

- *Beast of Torpor* with music by Micah Hummel + film by Jeff Oliver
- *A Day in Color* with music by Noah Simpson + film by Shilpa Sunthankar
- *Last Signs of June* with music by Idit Shner + film by Deejuliano Scott

WHEN: December 8, 2021, 6:30PM

WHERE: Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR 97212

HOW: \$15, Proof of vaccination required.

Purchase tickets here: <https://hollywoodtheatre.org/tickets/16360/>

ABOUT Call + Response: A unique collaboration between Portland's jazz and filmmaker communities to facilitate short works of art-music-film, *Call + Response* is a visibility-raising project created by Montavilla Jazz to foster unique, cross-genre creative processes and build audiences. In its debut season, musicians [Micah Hummel](#), [Noah Simpson](#), and [Idit Shner](#), each composed, performed, and recorded seven to ten minutes of original music. Filmmakers [Jeff Oliver](#), [Shilpa Sunthakar](#), and [Deejuliano Scott](#) responded with visual "scores," created through access to production facilities and the Independent Filmmaker Kit provided by project partner [Open Signal](#). Learn more about Call + Response, and this diverse, highly talented group of artists at montavillajazz.org/call-response/.



Photo: Micah Hummel + Jeff Oliver's Beast of Torpor outdoor screening, August 2021

ABOUT Montavilla Jazz, Give!Guide campaign: A proud, first-time participant in Willamette Week's Give!Guide, Montavilla Jazz has launched a campaign to raise \$12,000 in the Creative Expression category. Funding helps Montavilla Jazz promote forward-thinking artistry and offer platforms for risk-taking, experimentation, and the creation of new works, all of which add to the diversity and strength of our community. For more details about the campaign including incentives, prizes, and progress, visit giveguide.org/nonprofits/montavilla-jazz.



ABOUT Montavilla Jazz: Montavilla Jazz enriches local culture by showcasing original music made right here in Portland. With an annual festival, brand new film series, education program, and performances throughout the year, Montavilla Jazz engages an inclusive cross-section of musicians, collaborative artists, students, music lovers, neighbors, and businesses. Montavilla Jazz is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Learn more at montavillajazz.org.

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