

Zachary Finnegan's Biography

Zach, a rising star in the world of jazz trumpet, calls Chicago, IL home. His musical journey skyrocketed with his first global tour alongside five-time Grammy Award winner Michael Bublé in 2022-2023, entertaining audiences in arenas and stadiums worldwide. Known for his “golden tone and excellent technical command” (All About Jazz), Zach has contributed to 14 albums, with his debut solo album released in June 2024. His trumpet has graced renowned ensembles such as KNOWER, Clint Breeze & the Groove, Buddy Rich Big Band, Alan Gresik Swing Orchestra, and the Camila Mennitte Quintet.

From NYC's Madison Square Garden to the vibrant streets of São Paulo's Allianz Parque, Zach's trumpet has echoed across diverse landscapes, captivating audiences near and far. Closer to home, he's a fixture at established jazz venues throughout the Midwest, including The Green Mill, Café Coda, and The Jazz Kitchen playing alongside esteemed musicians such as Meghan Stagl, Jared Thompson, Eric Brink, Luke Sagadin and many more.

Zach's ensembles have graced stages at renowned festivals such as the Riverfront Jazz Festival, where they opened for jazz legend Dave Liebman in 2017 and Davina and the Vagabonds in 2024. Headlining events like the Bull Falls Jazz Festival and the Taste of Bloomington Festival further solidify his place in the jazz scene.

Outside the jazz world, Zach's versatility extends to collaborations with a variety of artists and genres. He has worked with the electro-funk duo Knower, (Louis Cole and Genevieve Artadi), Mexican singer-songwriter Rosalba Valdez, rapper Emmitt James, crooners Hayden Grove and Sal Valentinetti, Broadway actor Jared Bradshaw, and the hip-hop/jazz-fusion band Clint Breeze & the Groove, highlighting his ability to adapt and shine across musical styles.

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“When you hear Zach Finnegan, you will love his sound, feel and presence. When you meet Zach Finnegan, you will be charmed by his gracious, honest, and warm demeanor combined with a contagious smile and a generous joy for life. When you discover how dedicated Zach Finnegan is to serving his community, you will realize how very special he is: as a musician and a messenger for good in our world.” Matt Wilson, Grammy Nominated Drummer