

Alfred University Trustee David Miller '66 bringing Jazz Combo to MostArts
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Alfred University Trustee David Miller '66 will join the seventh MostArts Festival in 2020, leading his jazz group during Music under the Stars, the music and food celebration held mid-week at the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum during the seven-day MostArts Festival, which begins Sunday, July 12 2020.

His appearance was announced this week by Alfred University Professor of Music Lisa Lantz, founder and artistic director of the MostArts Festival.

Miller, who began playing piano as a boy growing up on Long Island, lives in San Francisco, where The Dave Miller Combo currently performs with Miller's daughter, Rebecca DuMaine. The Combo's 2019 album *Chez Nous* was included in the preliminary round of Grammy Award nominations for Best Jazz Vocal Album. In addition, Miller has led The Dave Miller Trio which produced five albums including the 2019 *Just Imagine*.

His life in jazz would be an accomplishment in itself – except he also has practiced law since graduating from Syracuse University College of Law in 1969, following his 1966 cum laude graduation from Alfred University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. After law school, he joined the California law firm Hanson Bridgett and began his

legal career, which has included serving the general counsel for three of the principal mass transportation agencies in the Bay Area.

He was elected to the Board of Trustees of Alfred University in 1988 and has served as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. In 2012, he was named a Life Trustee and received an honorary Doctor of Music degree. He and his wife, Elizabeth “Bebes” Graves Miller, a 1965 graduate of Alfred University with a bachelor’s degree in French, reside in Atherton, CA. They have two daughters, Rebecca and Stephanie.

As 2019 draws to a close, Lantz also announced the MostArts Festival has received a \$50,000 matching grant from the Marty & Allen C. Foster Foundation. Fully tax-deductible donations to match the Foundation’s grant may be sent to:

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Miller Performing Arts Center

One Saxon Drive

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Lantz also has confirmed Spanish classical pianist Joaquin Achucarro will return to Alfred as a 2020 MostArts soloist, along with two first-time MostArts soloists, Romanian-born pianist Peter Takacs and Columbian guitarist Nilko Guarin. Fifteen-year-old Carey Byron, who won the 2019 MostArts Young Pianist Competition, also will perform when the MostArts Festival opens Sunday, July 12, led by Yuval Zaliouk conducting the MostArts Festival Orchestra.