

# A “Bird” Built Bond!

**Jazz Student Exchange - Metz, France to KC!**

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Maxime Rétif

**W**e are delighted to welcome two very talented 16-year old music students from Metz, France. **They represent the First International Music Exchange between two UNESCO Creative Cities of Music—Kansas City, MO USA and Metz, France.** KC Jazz Alive is happy to partner in this project.

The boys are excited to attend the **BIRD BOOT CAMP** and are anxious to experience as many other **Spotlight Charlie Parker** events as they can. They are particularly interested in jazz improvisation and hope to participate in some jam sessions.

**Maxime Rétif** has played the trumpet for 10 years, the piano for 12 years and **Raphaël Mathis**, the guitar for 11 years. Both boys are pursuing jazz studies at the **Conservatory of Music in Metz**. Raphaël says he was enthralled with jazz from first time he tried it and that Charlie Parker is his favorite jazz musician. Maxime and Raphaël consider this trip to Kansas City, the “land of jazz,” to be a dream of a lifetime!



Raphaël Mathis

## WELCOME TO KC MAXIME & RAPHAËL!!



Is a program designed to honor Jazz pioneer, Charlie “Yardbird” Parker. It attracts students, grades 5-12 in a full “Charlie Parker” immersion experience including coaching by master musicians, educational lectures, and a culminating BIRD tribute performance that is free and open to the public.

**Date:** Saturday, August 19, 2023 | 10:00 am –

3:00 pm | Followed by Music Salute at 3:30

**Location:** The Paseo Academy | 4747 Flora Ave. | Kansas City, MO 64110 |

### Schedule (Subject to Change):

- 9:30 AM – Registration
- 10:00 – *Bird Lives*: Greg Carroll, Clinician
- 10:30 – *Play Music-1*: Clinicians-H. Smith, C. Smith, W. Thornton, G. Carroll, Dr. M. Parkinson
- 11:00 – *One-On-One* W/ Tia Fuller: Greg Carroll Interviews Artist-In-Residence, Tia Fuller
- 11:30 – *Play Music-2*: Clinicians-H. Smith, C. Smith, W. Thornton, G. Carroll, Dr. M. Parkinson
- 12:00 PM – “Bird” Snacks: LUNCH TIME
- 1:00 – *Phraseology*: Greg Carroll, Clinician
- 2:00 – *History of the Charlie Parker Memorial*: Clarence Smith, Clinician
- 3:00 – *Musical Salute at the Charlie Parker Memorial*: Clarence Smith, Clinician

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