

BIRCH CREEK

Music Performance Center



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Birch Creek: A Home Away from Home

Egg Harbor, WI– For forty-two years, Birch Creek Music Performance Center has brought the best and the brightest faculty from across the US to educate promising young musicians. These faculty members are the best in their respective fields, and have performed with many iconic artists across all genres such as Doc Severinsen, Aretha Franklin, New York Voices, Don Henley, Wynton Marsalis, Manhattan Transfer, Barry Manilow, and Arturo Sandoval. This year, Birch Creek has the pleasure of inducting one of these great musicians into their 20 Year Club. Joey Tartell, Big Band Jazz I Faculty, is celebrating his twentieth year of service to the organization by joining an elite circle of 23 faculty members, with more than 20 years of teaching and mentoring Birch Creek’s talented music students.

Tartell has gained recognition globally as a performer, instructor, and mentor. After completing his Bachelor’s degree in Trumpet Performance at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, he went on to receive his Master’s Degree in Jazz Studies from the University of Miami, where he was Gil Johnson’s Teaching Assistant. He has also studied with Mel Broiles and Vince DiMartino. He is currently Associate Professor of Music at Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University. He has played with Maynard Ferguson, Woody Herman, and the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra. Tartell is also a founding member of Tromba Mundi, a professional trumpet ensemble with whom he performed at Carnegie Hall in October of 2015.

“I’ve seen Birch Creek grow in so many positive ways in the time I’ve been a part of it. What remains the same, and is the primary reason I keep coming back, is the focus on the students and their growth. It’s amazing what can happen in two weeks,” Tartell commented. “Being here for

20 years has made Birch Creek a home away from home, with the faculty, staff, and students a second family. Each year I look forward to the time I spend here.”

Tartell will be both performing and teaching at Birch Creek this summer. He can be heard performing as lead trumpet during Jazz I concerts from July 19-22, and 26-29.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Egg Harbor, WI, is a residential summer music academy for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Four sessions focus on Percussion & Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz. 2017 concert and session dates are posted at www.birchcreek.org/tickets.

2017 Concert Schedule

Big Band Jazz (Two Sessions): July 19-22, 26-29 | August 2-5, 9-12

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