

Leigh Pilzer
Saxophonist • Arranger • Educator

Leigh Pilzer is a Washington DC-based saxophonist. She has led her combo at many of DC's top jazz venues and has toured both nationally and internationally as a member of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra and The DIVA Jazz Orchestra. Leigh often performs with the National Symphony Orchestra in concert at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and on the orchestra's nationally televised PBS holiday specials.

Leigh is also a gifted composer and arranger whose work is in the libraries of the SJMO and DIVA as well as military, college, and professional jazz ensembles throughout the country. Recorded arrangements include her original composition "East Coast Andy," the opening track on *The DIVA Jazz Orchestra 25th Anniversary Project* (2018).

Leigh earned her doctorate at George Mason University. She also holds degrees from the Berklee College of Music and the University of Maryland. Leigh has served on faculty at the University of Maryland, Towson University, and George Mason University.

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