

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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OUTSTANDING HONORS PERFORMANCE
AWARD WINNER

OWEN FLANNAGAN



Owen Flannagan is a tenor saxophone player originally from the Washington D.C. area. He began playing the piano at seven years old and he picked up the saxophone two years later. Owen began taking private lessons on the saxophone at the age of twelve and that is when his passion for the instrument truly began to grow. He would go on to participate in concert bands, jazz bands, and pit orchestras in high school. He was also selected three times as a member of the Senior All-County Band in Montgomery County, Maryland and selected twice as a member of the Senior All-State Band in Maryland.

Owen has studied the saxophone intensely for fourteen years now. After beginning as a more classically oriented player, his focus has shifted to the study of jazz. Currently, he plays with the amazing Los Angeles City College Studio Jazz Band as well as several other ensembles of varying styles outside of school. At Los Angeles City College, Owen is a dedicated student in the Applied Music program. Owen studies under the tutelage of the outstanding saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist Jonathan Armstrong. Together, they study the intricacies of the jazz idiom and work on aurally transcribing the solos of great saxophone players from all eras. Their lessons focus largely on developing a unique musical voice as a performer and improviser. Owen plans to put his musical studies here at Los Angeles City College to excellent use in the future.

Owen's career aspirations in music lie in both performance as well as music education. Owen plans to move his passion for music forward by composing more and performing his own music. After the Spring 2015 Semester, his final semester at LACC, he plans to transfer to a Cal-State school in the greater Los Angeles area to pursue a Bachelors degree in Jazz Studies.