

Biography of Melvin Nimtz

Melvin Nimtz is a trombonist who currently attends the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts as a level 4 jazz senior. Born and raised in New Orleans, Melvin grew up surrounded by music and was exposed to various types of music, including traditional Jazz, New Orleans brass band music, contemporary Jazz as well as classical music from an early age. Though he was introduced to playing music as a trumpet player in middle school, he soon switched to trombone, an instrument that he picked up rapidly and credits with his ability to pursue music at a higher level at NOCCA.

Since starting NOCCA, he has been given the opportunity to study with first-class music educators such as Michael Peller and Chris Severin. His experiences during this time allowed him to grow in both confidence and skill as a musician. In particular, playing with such a tight knit group of peers has fostered a greater understanding of the music and an appreciation for musical communication.

He credits the experience he has gained at NOCCA with being selected to be a part of the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz's Peer-To-Peer Jazz Septet, one of the only 7 Jazz students nation-wide, and being able to receive a full scholarship to attend the Jazz Workshop as a part of Berklee College of Music 5-week Summer Program in the summer of 2021.

Melvin hopes to continue his jazz education at a college or conservatory level and overall continue his growth as a well rounded musician