



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Washington, D.C. Music Teacher & Entrepreneur BJ Simmons to Headline Blues Alley. The D.C.-based artist brings his latest project to one of jazz's most prestigious venues

Washington, D.C. — October 14, 2025 — Washington, D.C.-based saxophonist, composer, and music educator BJ Simmons continues to strike a powerful balance between artistry and impact. This month, he'll take the stage at the legendary Blues Alley on Monday, October 20, 2025, bringing his genre-bending album *Trapped In* to one of the region's most revered jazz venues.

Produced and released under Simmons' own label, Jimmy Mac Entertainment, *Trapped In* blends jazz, hip-hop, soul, and electronic textures into a cinematic, narrative-driven sound. The project is currently on the ballot for consideration for Best Alternative Jazz Album in the 68th GRAMMY® Awards cycle—a testament to Simmons' evolving artistry and creative independence.

The album features collaborations with vibraphonist Warren Wolf and Blue Note recording artist Brandon Woody, both of whom help bring Simmons' modern interpretation of jazz storytelling to life.

"The classroom and the stage aren't that different," says Simmons. "Both are spaces where you plant a seed of possibility—one student, one listener, one performance at a time."

By day, Simmons teaches music in the D.C. public school system, offering his students a real-world example of how creativity can evolve into a career. Through Jimmy Mac Entertainment ([jimmymacent.com](http://jimmymacent.com)), he also curates live music experiences for weddings, corporate events, and community celebrations throughout the region—expanding opportunities for both emerging and established musicians.

His upcoming Blues Alley performance marks another milestone in his journey as a modern jazz innovator, following a year of growing recognition and community engagement.

 Tickets: [bluesalley.com](http://bluesalley.com)

 Listen to *Trapped In* → [bjonsax.com/trappedin](http://bjonsax.com/trappedin)

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## About BJ Simmons

BJ Simmons is a Washington, D.C.-based saxophonist, composer, producer, and music educator. A multi-instrumentalist rooted in jazz, gospel, hip-hop, and soul, he has performed at venues from local stages to international festivals. His latest album, *Trapped In*, showcases his fusion of improvisation, modern sound design, and narrative-driven music.

## About Jimmy Mac Entertainment

Founded by BJ Simmons, Jimmy Mac Entertainment is a full-service music and entertainment company based in Washington, D.C. Named in honor of Simmons' grandfather, percussionist Jimmy McLaurin, the company provides live music booking, artist development, and creative production services for clients in the region and beyond. Learn more at [jimmymacent.com](http://jimmymacent.com).

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