## OUR Music FACULTY

## NATHAN SALAZAR

## education

Michigan State University | Master of Music Performance - Specialist in Multiple Woodwind Instruments Arizona State University | Bachelor of Music Performance - Saxophone

## bio

Nathan Salazar is a saxophonist based in the Lansing, Michigan area. As a soloist, Salazar was the winner of the Arizona State University (ASU) concerto competition where he was a featured soloist with the ASU Wind Ensemble. Salazar was recognized as a finalist with the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Young Artist Competition, the Brevard Jean and Beatie Wood Concerto Competition, and The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" Collegiate Solo Competition, and a semifinalist with the North American Saxophone Alliance (NASA) Collegiate Solo Competition. He has also performed various guest artist recitals at Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, and Albion College.

An active chamber musician, Salazar is currently the soprano chair of Quartet Samod. Quartet Samod recently performed recitals at Western Michigan University, Albion College, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Western Illinois University. The ensemble received 3rd prize at the Barbara Wagner Chamber Music Competition and was recognized as a finalist for the MTNA Chamber Winds Competition and the NASA Saxophone Quartet Competition, as well as a semifinalist for the Coltman Chamber Music Competition. Previously, Salazar was the alto saxophone chair of the Seyon Quartet. Seyon was a guest performing group at Midwestern State University, Brookhaven College, West Texas A&M University, and Chamber Music Montana. Seyon received first prize at the Coltman Chamber Music Competition and second prize at the MTNA Chamber Winds Competition.

A dedicated teacher, Salazar is the Adjunct Instructor of Saxophone, Clarinet, and Oboe at Spring Arbor University, Adjunct Instructor of Saxophone and Oboe at Albion College, the Saxophone and Clarinet Instructor at the Jackson Symphony Orchestra Community Music School, and a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University.

