ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

ENTERTAINING DEMOCRACY

Interdisciplinary conference including thought-provoking research on the dynamic relationship between popular music and government, politics and society in the Americas along with musical performances and interactive activities.

Free event · Complimentary breakfast & lunch · Open to the public

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JEFF COFFIN

3x Grammy Award winner Jeff Coffin is a saxophonist, composer, and educator, and was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as a member of Dave Matthews Band in 2024. He is a professor at Vanderbilt University and has earned international acclaim for his work with DMB and Béla Fleck & Flecktones, as well as for his 25+ solo projects.



December 9, 2026

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Live Oak Pavilion
Student Union Bldg

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