

Pianist and composer David Roitstein is director of the jazz program at California Institute of the Arts. He received his degrees from the University of Miami. David moved to Los Angeles in 1981, and together with bassist Charlie Haden, created the innovative and award-winning CalArts Jazz Program in 1983. Since then, he has produced twenty-seven "CalArts Jazz" CDs at Capitol Records (jazzarchive.calarts.edu). While teaching and building the program, Roitstein continued to perform in clubs, concerts and tours, and as a studio musician for film, television and records. A new recording is *Conversations*, a duo CD with guitarist Larry Koonse (Best Albums of 2015–Downbeat magazine). In October 2007, Roitstein was designated the Mel Powell Chair at CalArts, one of four honorary endowed faculty chairs in the School of Music.
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