



2017-18 YOUTH JAZZ PROGRAM HANDBOOK

Thank you for your interest in Jazz Arts Group's (JAG) **COLUMBUS YOUTH JAZZ PROGRAM**. The Jazz Arts Group is dedicated to *advancing the art of jazz through performance and education*. Our youth jazz program fulfills this mission by providing the opportunity for students in grades 7 - 12 to participate in one of four outstanding ensembles and/or a 16-week lab program. Each ensemble rehearses weekly throughout the school year, and offers a variety of performance and educational activities, when available, each season. This packet provides information about each ensemble and helps prepare you for your audition.

SHOULD YOU SUCCESSFULLY AUDITION FOR A POSITION ON ONE OF JAG'S THREE ENSEMBLES OR THE COLUMBUS YOUTH JAZZ LAB, THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPECTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- The Jazz Arts Group supports music education in the schools and cooperates with the music education community - **ALL** Youth Jazz members are expected to be actively participating in their school music program(s).
- Youth Jazz participants must **FULLY COMMIT** to the ensemble's rehearsal and performance schedule and abide by the attendance policy.
- Youth Jazz participants receive free admission to CJO *Swingin' with the CJO* performances; family members receive a buy-one/get one free voucher for CJO *Swingin' with the CJO* performances.
- Youth Jazz members have the opportunity to participate in a variety of performance and educational activities and to work with prominent local, regional and national musicians.
- Youth Jazz members are community partners of the Jazz Academy and receive discounted registration on all Jazz Academy classes, workshops and events.

JAG's Youth Jazz Program consists of the following ensembles:

COLUMBUS YOUTH JAZZ COMBO, LED BY ZACH COMPSTON (CYJC)

- \$275.00 Tuition, a limited number of scholarships available
- audition required
- Rehearsals take place from 4:00-6:00pm at the Jazz Academy - 769 E. Long St. (4th Floor), Columbus, OH 43203.

Columbus Youth Jazz Combo is a small jazz ensemble experience for students in middle through high school. Founded in 2016 to accommodate a high number of talented new students, the CYJC is designed for a flexible number of instrumentalists and a wider range of jazz repertoire to suit the needs of this unique configuration. Additionally, the CYJC provides in-depth instruction in improvisation and jazz style in addition to important jazz composers and artists. Students who participate in the CYJC will leave with new skills and musical confidence to take back to their school band program.

COLUMBUS YOUTH JAZZ WORKSHOP, LED BY MATT JAMES (CYJW)

- \$275.00 Tuition, a limited number of scholarships available
- audition required
- Rehearsals take place from 4:00-6:00pm at the Jazz Academy - 769 E. Long St. (4th Floor), Columbus, OH 43203.

The Columbus Youth Jazz Workshop is a big band experience for students in middle through high school. The CYJW provides students the opportunity to explore their individual skills within a supportive and relaxed ensemble environment, with a concentration on exploring jazz styles, standard repertoire and beginning improvisation. The band brings together students from a variety of backgrounds and skill levels to create a fun and motivating experience. The CYJW is open to saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar and drums. The CYJW performs a minimum of two times per year, and often accepts additional performances in the Central Ohio area.

COLUMBUS YOUTH JAZZ STUDIO, LED BY RYAN HAMILTON (CYJS)

- \$275.00 Tuition, a limited number of scholarships available
- audition required
- Rehearsals take place from 4:00-6:00pm at the Jazz Academy – 769 E. Long St. (4th Floor), Columbus, OH 43203.

The Columbus Youth Jazz Studio Ensemble is for the student who wants to continue improving their individual skills within the context of a top-level ensemble. This exciting ensemble emphasizes a broad exploration of jazz literature. The Studio Ensemble is open to saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar and drums. The CYJSE performs a minimum of 3 times per year, and often accepts additional performance opportunities in the Central Ohio area.

COLUMBUS YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA, LED BY MARK DONAVAN (CYJO)

- \$285.00 Tuition, a limited number of scholarships available
- audition required
- Rehearsals take place from 4:00-6:00pm at the Jazz Academy – 769 E. Long St. (4th Floor), Columbus, OH 43203.

The Columbus Youth Jazz Orchestra provides opportunities for talented high school age musicians to further their experience in America's classical music -- jazz. Comprised of premier players in grades 9-12 from Central Ohio and beyond, the CYJO has a 30-week season during the school year, and performs at the Southern Theatre prior to each of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra's Sunday matinee concerts. The ensemble also accepts a limited number of additional performance opportunities throughout the year as the schedule allows. The CYJO plays literature of the highest level with repertoire from the libraries of the great big bands, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, and Dizzy Gillespie. The CYJO is open to saxophone, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, guitar, drums, and vocals on a limited basis.

COLUMBUS YOUTH JAZZ LAB

Taking place for 8 weeks in the fall and spring of each school year, the Columbus Youth Jazz Lab is designed for all instrumentalists grades 7-12 seeking further development on their instrument. This tuition-free program is held on Sunday afternoons at the Jazz Academy, focusing on Jazz Listening and Learning, Language, and Ensemble Experience. Each two-hour session contains instrumental lessons and jazz combo rehearsals, culminating in a final performance at the Jazz Academy. The Columbus Youth Jazz Lab promotes Jazz and Improvisation as a vehicle for developing community, creativity, and expression in a fun and engaging environment. CYJ Lab consists of beginning, intermediate and advanced players, affording students an exciting peer-to-peer experience.

No jazz experience is required for participation in the Columbus Youth Jazz Lab. However, students should have a minimum one year of fundamental experience on his/her instrument. The CYJ Lab takes places on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Jazz Academy, 769 E. Long St. in the Lincoln Theatre Complex.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Your attendance at rehearsals and performances is critical to the success of the ensemble. The schedule for the upcoming season, as best we can predict, is included in this packet of information. If you successfully audition and accept placement in an ensemble, you are expected to be in attendance and participating. We do understand that very occasionally, you may have a conflict.

ABSENCES

Each ensemble (Combo, Workshop, Studio, Orchestra) meets during a two-hour block of time, once a week from September to May. Because of the intensive nature of this program, no more than four absences are allowed over the course of the season. After two absences, a student will be placed on probation with a letter sent home explaining the situation. A total of four absences will result in removal from the program.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

School commitments and family obligations are considered excusable and will not count toward the four total absences allowed. However, for these to be considered excused from the overall total absences allowed, you must submit these conflicts in writing by **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017**. Any absences that have not been previously submitted will be considered unexcused.

To report an absence, notify Alex Burgoyne, Youth Jazz Coordinator, as well as your ensemble director as soon as you can by emailing at aburgoyne@jazzartsgroup.org and cc: your ensemble director. NO TEXT MESSAGES!

****if you sustain an injury that prevents you from playing your instrument or if your instrument is being repaired, you are still responsible for attending your rehearsal with your music, and be attentive to your director.*

TARDINESS:

You are expected to be ready to begin rehearsals at the rehearsal start time. Please arrive to rehearsals in advance of that start time so that your instrument is out and you are ready to begin playing at your rehearsal's start time. If a student is tardy two times, he/she will be placed on probation with a letter sent home explaining the situation. A total of four tardy arrivals will result in removal from the program.

REHEARSAL CANCELLATION:

Very rarely, rehearsals may be cancelled, typically due to poor weather. If rehearsals are cancelled, we will send an e-mail and post the cancellation at least one hour in advance of your rehearsal START time on the Jazz Academy's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/thejazzacademy>. If you aren't sure if you should come to a rehearsal, check the Facebook page PRIOR TO leaving your home.

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS:

JAG's Youth Jazz Program supports and cooperates with the music education community. If your school has a music program, you are expected to participate in some way and to be a leader in your school ensemble. This expectation includes any jazz ensembles offered at your school. If you successfully audition for placement in the youth jazz program, your band director will be notified and your schedule will be provided for his/her information.

CONCERT ATTIRE:

Workshop and Studio Ensemble members will wear all black for performances. The Youth Orchestra members wear a black suit, black shoes and socks, and are expected to purchase a tie (around \$15) to wear at all performances. Women who are in the Youth Orchestra should wear black slacks, dress or skirt with colored accent of their choice.

MUSIC:

Members are provided sheet music and folders for use during the season and are expected to return all music and the folder to your director at the end of each season. Please only mark your music with pencil, and erase your markings prior to turning in your folder at the end of the season.

TUITION:

To confirm your placement in an ensemble, you will be asked to make a \$35 non-refundable deposit by May 31st. This will hold your position in the ensemble for the 2017-18 season.

Billing is done on a semester basis, with the first semester tuition due in October and second semester in January. You have the option to pay the full tuition in October. If you need to make another payment schedule or arrangement, contact Jennifer Pettibone, Manager of Patron Services, at jpettibone@jazzartsgroup.org, or (614)294-5200 x 112.

Tuition is non-refundable except in the case of a student moving away from Columbus. If this should happen, the tuition paid will be pro-rated and the balance returned.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Jazz Arts Group provides some financial aid to students on a case-by-case scenario in the form of partial and full scholarship. Those students who are awarded scholarship are expected to maintain the highest standard of attendance, participation, and attitude while participating in the program. JAG reserves the right to revoke scholarship upon failure to uphold these standards. Scholarship applicants should fill out and the form on the JAG website: www.jazzartsgroup.org, and submit along with a letter of endorsement from a non-family member, such as a teacher, private teacher, mentor, youth leader, etc. by **OCTOBER 1ST**.

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YOUTH JAZZ PROGRAM 2017-18 REHEARSAL & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE, AS OF AUGUST 2017:

(this schedule subject to change)

- CYJ Lab rehearses from 2-4pm
- CYJC, CYJW, CYJSE, and CYJO rehearse from 4-6pm
- All rehearsals take place at the Jazz Academy, 769 E. Long Street on the 4th floor of the Lincoln Theatre complex.

SEPTEMBER

- 10 CYJO Rehearsals begin
- 17 CYJC, CYJW and CYJS Rehearsals begin; CYJ Lab begins; all bands rehearse
- 24 All band rehearse

OCTOBER

- 1 All bands rehearse (Scholarship Deadline)
- 8 All bands rehearse
- 14 Offstage @ the Jazz Academy with CJO guest artists, 2pm - attendance required
- 15 NO REHEARSALS - EVERYONE ATTENDS THE CONCERT
CYJO matinee performance, 2pm
CJO performance, 3pm
- 22 All bands rehearse
- 29 All bands rehearse

NOVEMBER

- 3 "One Night Only," JAG's annual fundraiser at the Bluestone; small group requested to play identified by directors; details TBD
- 5 All bands rehearse (Don't forget Daylight Savings Time; set your clocks back!)
- 12 All bands rehearse; CYJ Fall Lab Final Performance at Jazz Academy
- 19 All bands rehearse
- 26 All bands rehearse

DECEMBER

- 2 Offstage @ the Jazz Academy with CJO guest artists, 2pm - attendance required
- 3 NO REHEARSALS - EVERYONE ATTENDS THE CONCERT
CYJO matinee performance, 2pm
CJO performance, 3pm
- 10 **ALL YOUTH JAZZ BANDS IN CONCERT AT FORT HAYES - 2PM**
- 17, 24 & 31 NO REHEARSALS - WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 2017

- 7 CYJC, CYJW, CYJSE, CYJO rehearse
- 14 All bands rehearse, CYJ LAB SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS
- 21 All bands rehearse
- 28 All bands rehearse

FEBRUARY

- 4 All bands rehearse
- 11 All bands rehearse
- 17 Offstage @ the Jazz Academy with CJO guest artists, 2pm - attendance required
- 18 NO REHEARSALS - EVERYONE ATTENDS THE CONCERT
CYJO matinee performance, 2pm
CJO performance, 3pm
- 25 Swing Sunday at the Clintonville Woman's Club - 3pm - all ensembles perform

MARCH

- 4 All bands rehearse
- 11 All bands rehearse
- 17 Offstage @ the Jazz Academy with CJO guest artists, 2pm - attendance required
- 18 NO REHEARSALS - EVERYONE ATTENDS THE CONCERT
CYJSE matinee performance, 2pm
CJO performance with CYJO, 3pm
- 25 All bands rehearse, **CYJ LAB SPRING FINAL PERFORMANCE AT JAZZ ACADEMY, SELECT CYJ BANDS TO PERFORM AT OSU JAZZ FESTIVAL**

APRIL

- 1 All bands rehearse
- 8 All bands rehearse
- 13 Select CYJ Bands to perform at Capital University Jazz & World Music Festival (during school day)
- 15 All bands rehearse
- 22 All bands rehearse
- 28 Offstage @ the Jazz Academy with CJO guest artists, 2pm - attendance required
- 29 NO REHEARSALS - EVERYONE ATTENDS THE CONCERT
CYJO matinee performance, 2pm
CJO performance, 3pm

MAY

- 6 All **YOUTH BANDS IN CONCERT @ FORT HAYES** - 4pm

June

Tentative - CYJO performs at Jazz St. Louis

July

Tentative - CYJO performs at the Jazz & Ribs festival, downtown Columbus, details to come as available