‘Keeping the flame of jazz alive’

Teen musicians and singers from across the Pacific Northwest converge on Vancouver for the 49th-annual Clark College Jazz Festival

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Hitting all the right notes

High school ensembles from around the Northwest compete at Clark College Jazz Festival

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Some of the top teen musicians from across the Pacific Northwest have converged on Vancouver to literally tear out their own horns. They'll also play a few other instruments and show off their vocal stylings while they're here, vying to be named best of the bunch at the Clark College Jazz Festival.

More than 60 vocal and instrumental high school jazz ensembles are competing at the annual event, which started Jan. 27 and continues through Jan. 29 at the college's Gaiser Hall.

Joining them on the festival's first day were musicians from middle schools, who performed for comments, not prizes.

The high school competitors go head-to-head against peers from similar-sized schools in 20-minute segments that run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Then, things really heat up, with finalists performing at 7 p.m. both Jan. 28 and Jan. 29. Enough fans show up for these performances that people should consider arriving early, said Richard Innis, Clark's director of bands and organizer of the jazz festival. Seating might run out.

Sarah Walker was a senior at Washougal High School when she played the upright bass at the 2012 Clark College Jazz Festival.

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If you go

What: The 4th annual Clark College Jazz Festival, featuring high school jazz bands.


Where: Photos by Clark College Gaiser Hall; Student Center, 1701 E. Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

Admission: $10 for day pass for Clark College students and their children 12 and younger.

Information: 360-992-2562, clark.edu/jazzfestival.

Clark College Jazz Festival 2011 Schedule

JAN. 28
A schools
7:40 a.m. Woodland High School
8:40 a.m. Ridgefield High School
8:40 a.m. Terrebonne High School
9 a.m. Northridge High School Band
10 a.m. Goldendale High School
10:40 a.m. Astoria High School
11 a.m. Battle Ground High School
11:20 a.m. Washougal High School
11:40 a.m. Lakeside School
Norse Clark College Jazz Ensemble: Announcement of A Finalists
AA schools
1 p.m. Prairie High School
1:20 p.m. Columbia River High School
2:30 p.m. Rainier High School
3:40 p.m. Sleepy Hollow High School
4:20 p.m. Milwaukie High School
4:20 p.m. Washougal High School
4:40 p.m. Announcenent of AA Finalists
7 p.m. Finals competition
9 p.m. Clark College Jazz Ensemble and AAA awards presentation
Outstanding Musician awards

JAN. 29
AAA schools
8 a.m. Hilsboro High School
8:20 a.m. Battle Ground High School
9 a.m. Adna High School
9:30 a.m. Mount Baker High School
10 a.m. Clark College Jazz Ensemble and announcement of AAA finalists
AAA Schools
1 p.m. Graham-Kapowsin High School
2:20 a.m. Washington High School
3:40 p.m. Skyview High School
4 p.m. washingon High School
4:40 p.m. Clark College Jazz Ensemble
5 p.m. Battle Ground High School
6 p.m. Clark College Jazz Ensemble
7 p.m. Finals competition
9 p.m. Clark College Jazz Band, 2011 Sweepstakes Band
9:30 p.m. AAA and AAAA awards presentations; 2011 Sweepstakes Award
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"Some of these groups play very well, and they play very good jazz," Inouye said. "Especially in the finals, they're at the top of their game."

At about 9 p.m. Jan. 28, the top bands from A and AA high schools will receive their awards, and AAA and AAAA awards will be handed out at about 9:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Also given out Jan. 29 is the top prize of the festival, the 2011 Sweepstakes Award, which recognizes the most outstanding band across all school sizes.

Last year's Sweepstakes winner, the Garfield High School Jazz Band out of Seattle, will perform big-band tunes at 9 p.m. Jan. 29, right before the final awards are distributed.

In addition, the Clark College Jazz Ensemble will perform several times during the festival. Selections will include "North Shore Evening," a contemporary jazz composition by Matt Harris.

Inouye said he hopes that jazz fans who don't have a stake in the competition will still turn out to have a good time and maybe learn a few things.

"People will hear everything from Basie to salsa," he said. "We're keeping the flame of jazz alive."

Clark College women defeat Tacoma

The Columbian

Lacy Kruse had 12 points and 12 rebounds and was one of five Clark players to score in double figures as the Clark College women's basketball team beat Tacoma 77-70 on Wednesday.

Debbie Simmers and Haley Smith had 14 points each, and Kass Cloyd and Macy Mucken- snail added 13 each for Clark (7-8, 5-2 NWAACC).

"Lacy just decided that was her focus," Clark coach Nancy Boone said. "She wasn't going to worry about points. She was just going to get rebounds. And she's been playing really well." Kruse left Wednesday's game early with an ankle injury.

Clark's defense forced 23 turnovers from Tacoma, which proved to be the difference.

"We did not put forth our best effort," Boone said. "We had too many turnovers (14). We played as if were in a fog, and we needed to get out of our fog and just play. "But a win's a win. A coach is never satisfied."

Clark plays next on Saturday at Pierce in Tacoma.

Tacoma 90, Clark 64 — Geoff McIntosh hit 6 of 8 3-point attempts to score 19 points and lead Tacoma to the road win.

"They were extremely physical," Clark coach Mike Arnold said. "They have that reputation, and they really played hard... We didn't match up with them physically.

Austin Bragg had 21 points and seven rebounds for Clark. Dan Anderson scored 15 points.

Penguins swept at Pierce

Clark basketball

Swanson led the Penguins in scoring with 11 points each. Arman Kalan added 10.

Pierce men 68, Clark 53 — The Penguins dropped their second consecutive game and fell into a tie for fourth in the NWAACC West division.

Clark (10-7, 4-4) made just 9 of 29 shots in the second half and shot 38.6 percent for the game. Max Snodderly and Lucas