**Clark College Jazz Festival**

**RULES/REGULATIONS**

***MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLES***

1. **ELIGIBILITY**

1.1. The festival is open to all accredited middle school instrumental jazz ensembles of this region.

1.2. All jazz ensemble members must represent a school and be actively enrolled in the school at the time of competition.

1.3. Competing jazz ensemble students may only represent **one jazz ensemble and one school** during the course of the festival.

1.3.1. If a jazz ensemble student is participating in more than one jazz ensemble/school during the course of the festival, then the other jazz ensemble/school they perform in must register as non-competitive.

* This only pertains to one instrument – example: a student who plays trumpet in the 1st band would be allowed to perform on bass in the 2nd band.
* Middle school students who perform with their middle school will be allowed to perform

with one high school group to which they feed.

1.4. Jazz ensembles must be under the supervision of a qualified state certified school teacher.

1.5.1. A faculty member must be responsible for the ensemble throughout the festival.

1.5.2. An assistant or student may front the ensemble.

1.5.3. **GROUP SIZE RESTRICTIONS** – Due to restricted space on Gaiser Student Center Stage, we can only accommodate a limited number of students in order to provide the most positive performance experience to you. We will adhere to the ten minimum rule but please check in with us for maximum capacity.

1.6. Faculty, directors, or professional musicians are not allowed to perform in the ensemble unless they choose to perform as non-competitive.

2. **REGISTRATION**

2.1. You will not be officially registered until we have received your registration fee check, PO number, or credit card payment. Schools that apply early have a better chance of getting desired time slots. Please review *Directions for Registration:* http://www.clark.edu/special/jazz\_festival/registration.php

2.2. Applications must be accompanied with a completed personnel list – **please limit chaperons to only four per jazz ensemble including the director.**

2.3. Upon arrival at the Clark College campus, ensembles should immediately register at the registration desk in Gaiser Hall and receive festival credentials and information.

2.4.1. Ensemble members, chaperons, and directors must have a wristband to gain admittance into the festival.

3. **PERFORMANCE**

3.1. **JAZZ ENSEMBLES HAVE 20 MINUTES TO PERFORM, INCLUDING SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN.**

3.1.1. 20 minutes begin when the first member of your jazz ensemble enters the stage.

3.1.2. Ensembles exceeding 20 minutes will receive a 10 point penalty per adjudicator.

3.1.3. Rhythm sections should be back stage 40 minutes before your scheduled performance time.

3.1.4. Clark College will furnish an acoustic piano, drum-set, bass amp, guitar amp, vibes, and music stands on stage.

3.2. Under no circumstances are stage microphones to be moved or tampered with.

3.2.1. You will be provided a sound set-up form to inform the audio technician of your audio needs; make sure to turn this in to your runner with your other staging forms to ensure your needs are met.

4. **FINALS AND AWARDS**

4.1. Finals competition will be held Thursday night beginning at 7:00 p.m.

4.2. At the lunch break, outstanding musician awards will be awarded and three bands will be invited to perform in the evening finals.

4.3. Preliminary scores will be disregarded for the evening finals competition.

4.4. If any ensemble cannot perform in the evening finals competition, the next highest scored ensemble will be invited back.

4.5. Ensembles will have 15 minutes to perform for the finals competition (no time disqualification).

4.6. Ensembles are not required to play new music for finals.

4.7. Trophies and outstanding musician awards will be distributed following the finals competition.

4.8. Three trophies for first, second, and third place will be presented to the Middle School winners.

5. **SWEEPSTAKES TROPHY**

5.1. All middle school jazz ensembles performing on Thursday are eligible to win the Clark College Jazz Festival Sweepstakes Trophy.

5.2. The Sweepstakes winning jazz ensemble will be featured during the Saturday night final awards ceremony at the next year’s Clark College Jazz Festival.

5.3. The winning jazz ensemble will hold the Sweepstake Trophy until the next year’s Clark College Jazz Festival at which point it will be passed to the next Sweepstakes Trophy winning jazz ensemble.

5.4. The winning jazz ensemble will be responsible to engrave their name on the trophy.

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