



North Metro Honor Jazz Band – Our 2018 North Metro Honor Jazz Band Program will start on Tuesday, March 20. This band is open to all musicians high school age or younger in the greater Twin Cities area. The instrumentation will be that of a traditional jazz big band - saxophones (alto, tenor, bari), trombones, trumpets, piano, bass, drums, and guitar. We'll rehearse each Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for 9 weeks starting March 20 at Spring Lake Park High School.

Apply! – While it is open to students from all over the Twin Cities area, the intent of this program is to offer musicians in the North and West Metro areas a convenient opportunity to meet musicians from other schools, rehearse together, perform, and produce a CD. If you're interested in having a great time learning challenging jazz music in the company of other fine young musicians, we hope you'll join us! Please apply by filling out and mailing in an application - available from your teacher or on-line. If we have more applicants than we can accommodate, we'll contact you by early March 2018 to schedule a short audition.

Fees - There will be a \$175 fee for participation.

Scholarships - Scholarships are available in cases of financial need.

Rehearsals (Tuesdays) - March 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15; at Spring Lake Park High School

Concert Date – Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 PM, Famous Dave's restaurant in Calhoun Square, Minneapolis

Director - Brian Lukkasson is director of bands at Spring Lake Park High School and was a founding board member of the Minnesota Jazz Educators Association before it merged with MBDA. At Spring Lake Park, he directs two concert bands and leads the jazz program, which consist of 2 large ensembles and a combo that are taught through a composition and transcription based curriculum. Brian received a Bachelor of Arts in trombone performance at the University of Minnesota, Morris where he studied jazz pedagogy with Jim "Doc" Carlson. He also earned a Masters in Music Education with an instrumental focus from the University of St. Thomas.



The Minnesota Youth Jazz Bands Program

For the past 14 years, MYJB has sponsored jazz performance opportunities for young musicians from the greater Twin Cities area. Three of our high school age bands meet for the full school year, perform several concerts and record a CD and DVD. Our three mid level bands and our North Metro Band meet for 9 weeks each Spring, perform a concert, and produce a CD or DVD.

For more information – www.mnyouthjazz.com

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