



Mid Level Honor Jazz Bands Program – Our 2020 program will start in early March. Interested musicians in grades 7-9 are invited to participate. The instrumentation will be that of a traditional jazz big band - saxophones (alto, tenor, bari), trombones, trumpets, piano, bass, drums, and guitar. We'll have three bands that rehearse for 9 weeks, perform one concert and produce a concert DVD.

Apply! – 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 sending in an application, available from your teacher. We'll hold short auditions during early March of 2020 to determine band placement.

Rehearsal Dates: Band 1 will rehearse Mondays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Scott Highlands Middle School (Apple Valley): March 9, 16, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11.

Band 2 will rehearse Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Scott Highlands Middle School (Apple Valley): March 12, 19, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14.

Band 3 will rehearse Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Justice Page Middle School (South Minneapolis): March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11.

Fees - There will be a \$200 fee for participation. Scholarships are available in cases of financial need.

Directors: Dave Mendenhall - Dave has spent the last 39 years as a music educator and freelance musician in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. His school jazz ensembles and bands have earned outstanding recognition at many festivals and conventions. Since retiring in 2010, Dave has continued to perform music, been the educational chair for the JazzMN Orchestra, and worked to publish educational band methods. Dave has also served as clinician for various music festivals and has conducted several district and all-state honor bands.



Jon Dostal - Jon has taught at Scott Highlands Middle School in Apple Valley for the past four years, and prior to that taught for five years at Twin Cities Academy, a charter school in Saint Paul. Jon graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Instrumental Music Education. Jon also teaches private lessons and participates in Minnesota Band Directors Association honor band events as well as solo and ensemble festivals. Jon performs regularly with Grand Symphonic Winds, his cover band The NightCaps, and the church worship band at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina.

Andy Nelson - Andy has taught instrumental music in public schools for over 15 years, including Justice Page Middle School in Minneapolis, Ramsey Middle School in St. Paul, Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists, and in the Brooklyn Center Public School System. Andy received a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies from DePaul University in Chicago in 1997, and a Master of Arts in Education from the University of St. Thomas in 2010. Andy is a professional woodwind specialist and has performed with many bands in the Twin Cities, Chicago, and New York City.

The Minnesota Youth Jazz Bands Program

For the past 16 years, MYJB has sponsored jazz performance opportunities for young musicians from the greater Twin Cities area. Three of our high school bands meet for the full school year, perform several concerts and record a CD and DVD. Our three mid level bands and one of our high school bands meet for 10 weeks each Spring, perform a concert, and produce a CD or DVD.

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