



North Metro Honor Jazz Band – Our 2020 North Metro Honor Jazz Band Program will start on Tuesday, March 17. 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. The band will rehearse each Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for 9 weeks starting March 17 at Spring Lake Park High School, play one concert, and record a CD in a professional studio.

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 2020 to schedule a short audition.

Fees - There will be a \$200 fee for participation.

Scholarships - Scholarships are available in cases of financial need.

Rehearsals (Tuesdays) - March 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12; at Spring Lake Park High School

Concert Date – Date, time and place to be determined

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 16 years, the Minnesota Youth Jazz Bands Program has sponsored jazz performance opportunities for young musicians from over 50 different schools in the Twin Cities area. We have nine bands which meet during the school year, perform concerts, and produce recordings.

For more information – www.mnyouthjazz.com

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