

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND AUDITION INFORMATION

2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

WHO: The Wright State University Jazz Band is a 15-20 piece ensemble open to all WSU students by audition.

WHAT: The group performs music ranging from traditional big band swing to bebop, Latin, funk, jazz-rock and contemporary styles. While there is a strong emphasis on jazz improvisation, the group is also reliant on solid section players.

Auditioned instruments include:

- **Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Bari Saxophone**
- **Trumpet, Trombone and Bass Trombone**
- **Rhythm Section: Piano, Bass, Guitar, and Drums**
- **Vocalists**

WHEN and WHERE: Auditions will take place on Tuesday, August 27, from 11:00am-3:00pm, in room 190 of the Creative Arts Center. A signup sheet will be posted on Dr. Diamond's door (Creative Arts Center 093D, on the ground floor) by Thursday, August 22.

The ensemble rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00am – 12:20pm.

Accepting a chair in the Jazz Band assumes a commitment for the entire school year.

All members need to be registered for one of the following:

- MUE 2860-01 (all freshmen and sophomores)
- MUE 4680-01 (all junior and seniors)
- MUE 6680-01 (all graduate students)

INSTRUCTIONS: Audition music is posted on the School of Music's website at <https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/music/bands#jazz>.

Rhythm section players, be prepared to comp and groove in a variety of jazz styles, including up-tempo swing, shuffle, jazz waltz, funk, Latin, and ballad. Guitar amp, bass amp and drum set will be provided. Bring sticks, brushes and cables.

All musicians will perform excerpts for their instrument. Play at tempos marked in pencil, please. Notes:

- Saxophone: select alto, tenor or baritone
- Trumpet: select either lead or section (no need to do both)
- Trombone: select either lead, section or bass (no need to do more than one)
- Vocalists: sing a jazz song, please bring accompaniment if available

All musicians will be prepared to sight-read. Those who wish to may perform an improvised solo on blues chord changes to demonstrate skill as a jazz soloist.

Contact Dr. David Diamond at david.diamond@wright.edu or 937-286-2511 with questions.