



HIGH SCHOOL GIFTED & TALENTED JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Don't miss your opportunity to swing with the best high school jazz musicians in Howard County!

All HCPSS Jazz students are encouraged to audition for this opportunity to rehearse and perform with other outstanding high school jazz musicians. The group will be a year long experience with weekly rehearsals and two scheduled concerts at the Smith Theater for the Performing Arts at Howard Community College in the Fall and at Marriotts Ridge HS in the Spring. There will also be additional exciting performance opportunities. The mission of the ensemble is to provide top quality jazz experiences for students including working with renowned conductors and clinicians, collaborating with peers that share a passion and commitment to the art of jazz, and to pursue an elite level of musicianship and professional performance experiences.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants must be in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 and be enrolled in a HCPSS High School
- Instruments accepted are Alto, Tenor, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Drum set, Woodwind players that can double on flute or clarinet are a plus, but saxophone is the considered the primary instrument
- Applicants **MUST** be current members in good standing of their school's band program. An exception to this requirement can be made for piano, guitar and bass players that may not have an opportunity to belong to any of their school's performing ensembles.
- Applicants will be **REQUIRED** to register and sign up for an audition time **online**.
- Applicants **MUST** audition in person in order to be considered.
- Applicants **MUST** be able to commit to all rehearsals and performances. (Please see the HSGTJE timeline.)

Tuition Information:

The cost of participation in this year-long experience is \$350. This fee covers all expenses of the ensemble

Online Application Deadline
Wednesday, September 28th 2023

Audition Information – Horn Section

Auditions will be done in-person using excerpts from three big band charts in different styles. Alto Sax players should prepare the Alto 1 parts, Tenor players should prepare the Tenor 1 parts, Bari players should prepare the Alto 1 parts. Trumpet players should prepare the Trumpet 1 parts to be considered for lead and the Trumpet 2 parts for the section. Trombones should prepare the Trombone 1 parts for the section and Trombone 4 for Bass Trombone position. Tuba players should prepare the Trombone 4 parts. Students should be prepared to play improvised solos as appropriate. **Students selected for the wind/horn section must be available on Oct 16 to play during the rhythm section auditions.**

Audition Requirements – Rhythm Section

Auditions will be done in-person in a real-world big band setting using three big band charts in different styles. Students will be asked to perform on a rotating basis with the full horn/wind section. Students should be prepared to perform improvised solos as appropriate.

Online Audition Sign-Up Deadline
Wednesday, September 28th 2023

Audition Dates:
Mon, Oct 2nd, Horn Section, audition window 5-9pm
Mon, Oct 16th, Rhythm Section 6-8pm w/Horns

Audition sign up link and music requirements will be posted by August 31st, 2023

Link to the HSGTJE: <http://www.mrhsbands.com/hsgtje>

Important of Events: (see full timeline for details)

- Regular rehearsals will be Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm at Marriotts Ridge High School
- The first full rehearsal will be on Mon, Oct 23rd
- Possible December performance TBD
- Other possible special performances TBD
- Thurs, Jan 11, 2024 Concert at TBD
- Thurs, May 9, 2024 Spring Concert at MRHS

