

**Middle School Jazz Day @ Morningside
Friday, March 20, 2020**

Director Information

General Info

- Middle Schools and Junior High Schools with students in grades 6-8 are welcome to participate.

Application & Festival Fees

- The **priority deadline** for festival application submission is **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Morningside College is on spring break the week of March 8; applications received before break will be guaranteed; applications received after will be processed based on availability of times
- The entrance fee is **\$130 per band**. If you are bringing multiple groups, please fill out an application and submit payment for each individually.
- Please note that no refunds will be given after the March 6 deadline. Morningside College rarely closes due to inclement weather.
- If you have questions regarding your application, submission, or receipt, please contact Dr. Erik Mahon at mahone@morningside.edu or (712) 274-5239.

Warm-up Rooms

- Upon arrival, a Morningside student will meet your band and serve as a guide, making sure you and your band get to where they need to be and on time. There will be a space provided for cases, etc.
- Each band will be assigned a warm-up space you will have access to 30 minutes prior to your performance.
- Equipment provided in warm-up room:
 - Chairs and music stands
 - Power supply for amps, etc...
 - Note: amps and drum set not supplied for warm-up

Performance Venue

- Beautiful Eppley Auditorium will host all of the performances during the event, as well as the awards ceremony at the end of the day.
- Performance groups are allotted a total of 30 minutes; this includes set-up, performance, and tear down. Due to the number of bands participating and need to stay on schedule, **I highly recommend that each group perform no more than three tunes.**
- Equipment provided in Eppley for performance:
 - Chairs and music stands
 - 9' concert grand Steinway
 - Risers for trumpets and trombones
 - Vibraphone (available on stage if requested)
 - Solo mics & stands

Clinic

- Following your performance, each band will receive a ~25-minute clinic from an experienced jazz educator and/or performer.
- Equipment provided in clinic room:
 - Chairs and music stands
 - Piano/keyboard
 - Bass & guitar amps
 - Drum set (bring own cymbals)

Bands will need to bring their own performance drum set (and cymbals), as well as performance amps. Any auxiliary percussion instruments (other than vibraphone in performance site) must be supplied by the attending band. Morningside College will not supply any additional sound equipment, saxophone fronts, music folders, copying services, and/or instrument parts (i.e. reeds, mouthpieces, oil).

Awards

- Following the final performance and clinic and preceding the awards ceremony, the Morningside Jazz Ensemble will present a short, 15-minute concert.
- The awards ceremony will take place in Eppley Auditorium. More specifics in terms of timing will be announced once we know how many bands are participating.
- Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes
- At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, adjudication packets, performance CDs, and any outstanding soloist or musicianship certificates will be disbursed.

Morningside College is not responsible for any equipment or personal belongings either stolen or lost while left unattended. We will provide designated areas for instrument case storage and rhythm section equipment that will be clearly marked. In the interest of safety and security, please encourage your students to keep valuables either on their person or kept on the bus.